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This is a
maggot...



...not a
wiener!

ABOUT ME #5: CONFESSION

I OWN A LOT OF DIRTY VIDEOS.
MY FEET STINK.
MY ARMPITS STINK TOO.
I OWN A PET SNAKE.
I'M TIRED.

—YOSHIHIRO TOGASHI, 1993

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Standoff at the Eleventh Hour!!



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CAST OF CHARACTERS:



GENKAI

KAZUMA
KUWABARA

KURAMA

YUSUKE
URAMESHI

KOENMA

HIEI

BOTAN



SENSUI

HAGIRI



KIYOSHI
MITARAI
ABILITY:
SEAMAN



MITSUNARI
YANAGISAWA
ABILITY: COPY



YU KAITO
ABILITY: TABOO

The Story So Far

THIS IS THE STORY OF YUSUKE URAMESHI, A HAPLESS KID WHO GOT INTO AN ACCIDENT TRYING TO SAVE A SMALL BOY AND WOUND UP BECOMING A GHOST. KING ENMA TESTED YUSUKE WITH A NUMBER OF ORDEALS THAT ALLOWED HIM TO EARN HIS WAY BACK TO LIFE, AND HE NOW WORKS AS AN UNDERWORLD DETECTIVE. THIS HAS MADE HIM VERY UNPOPULAR WITH THE DEMONS HE PURSUES.

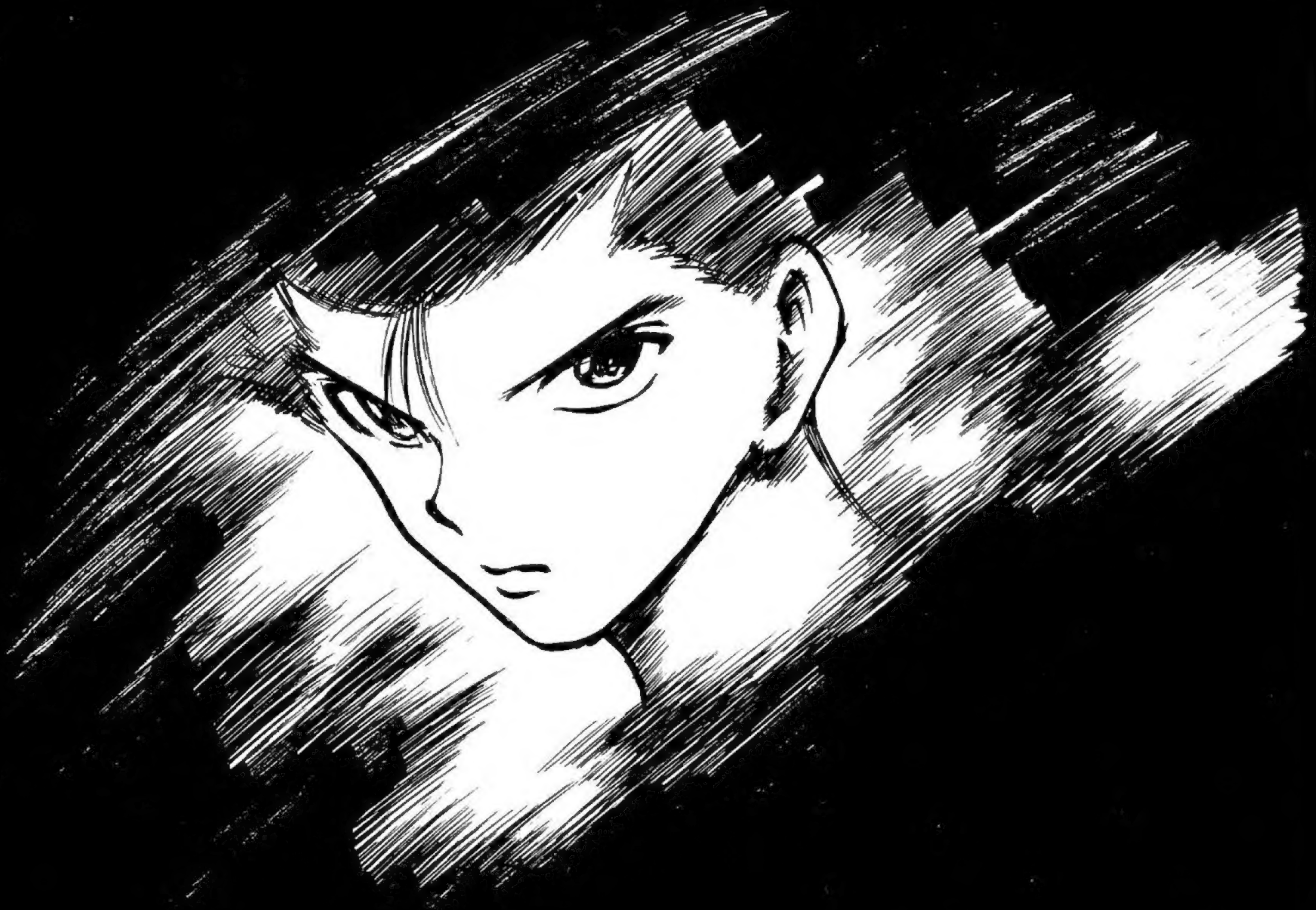
YUSUKE AND HIS FRIENDS BEAT TEAM TOGURO IN THE DARK TOURNAMENT, BUT THERE'S NO REST FOR THE WEARY! SENSUI, A FORMER UNDERWORLD DETECTIVE, HAS TAKEN OVER A PROJECT BEGUN BY A DARK TOURNAMENT SPONSOR, SAKYO -- OPENING A HOLE, THE BARRIER TUNNEL, TO THE DEMON PLANE AND WREAKING HAVOC ON THE HUMAN WORLD!! THE ALL-OUT WAR HAS BEGUN. WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT?!

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SUPER STREET FIGHTING!!



YuiYu
HAKUSHO



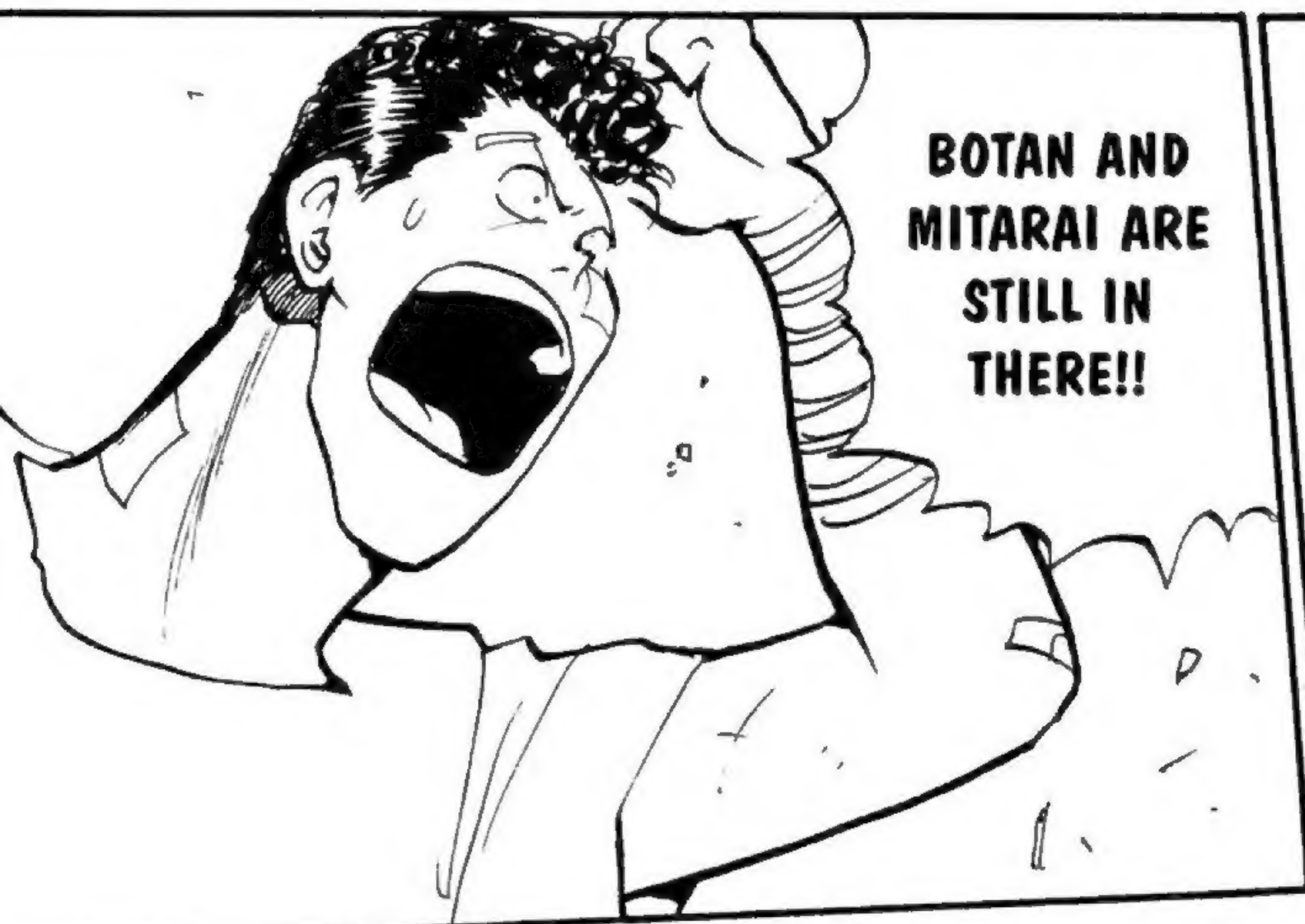
**CRIMSON
LIGHTNING
BALL!!**



**WATCH
OUT!!**



!!



**BOTAN AND
MITARAI ARE
STILL IN
THERE!!**



!!

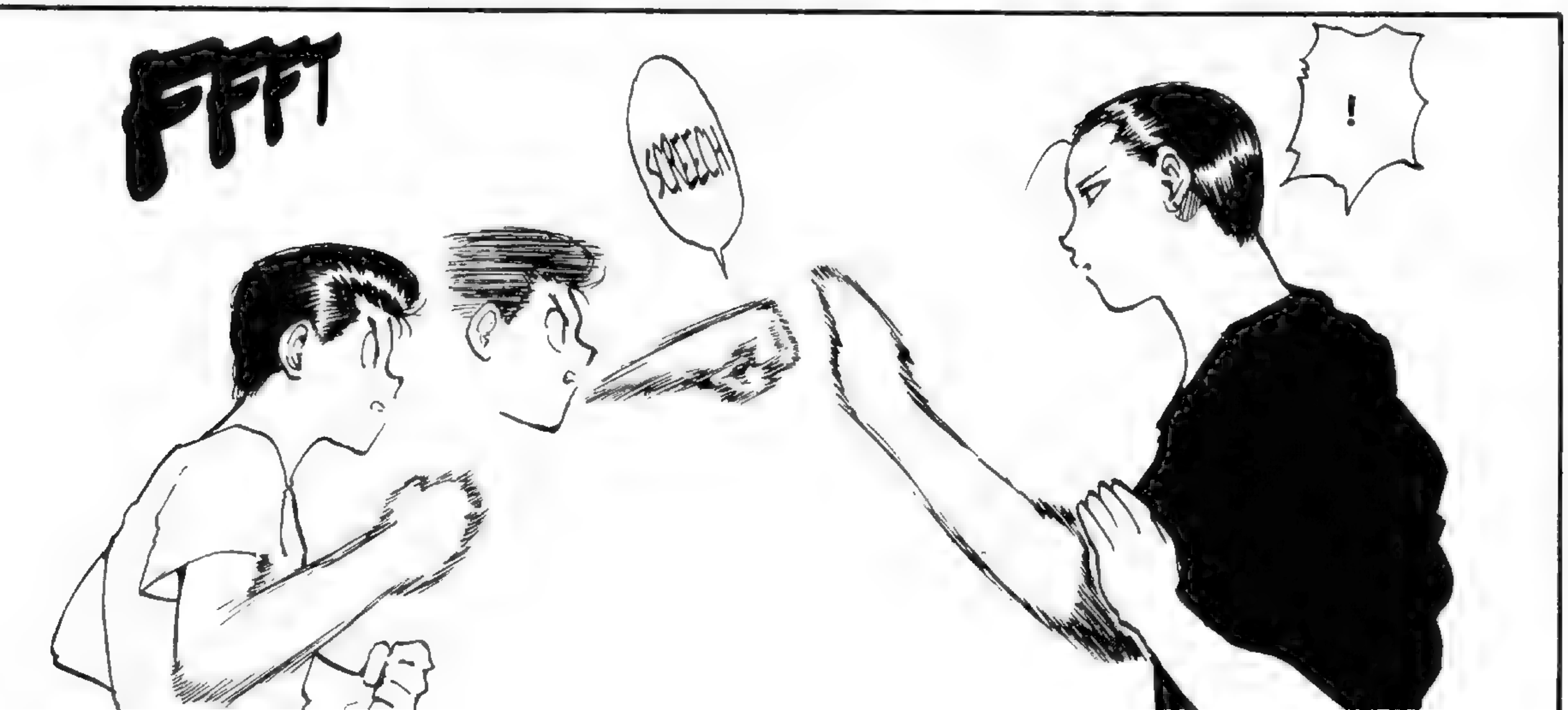


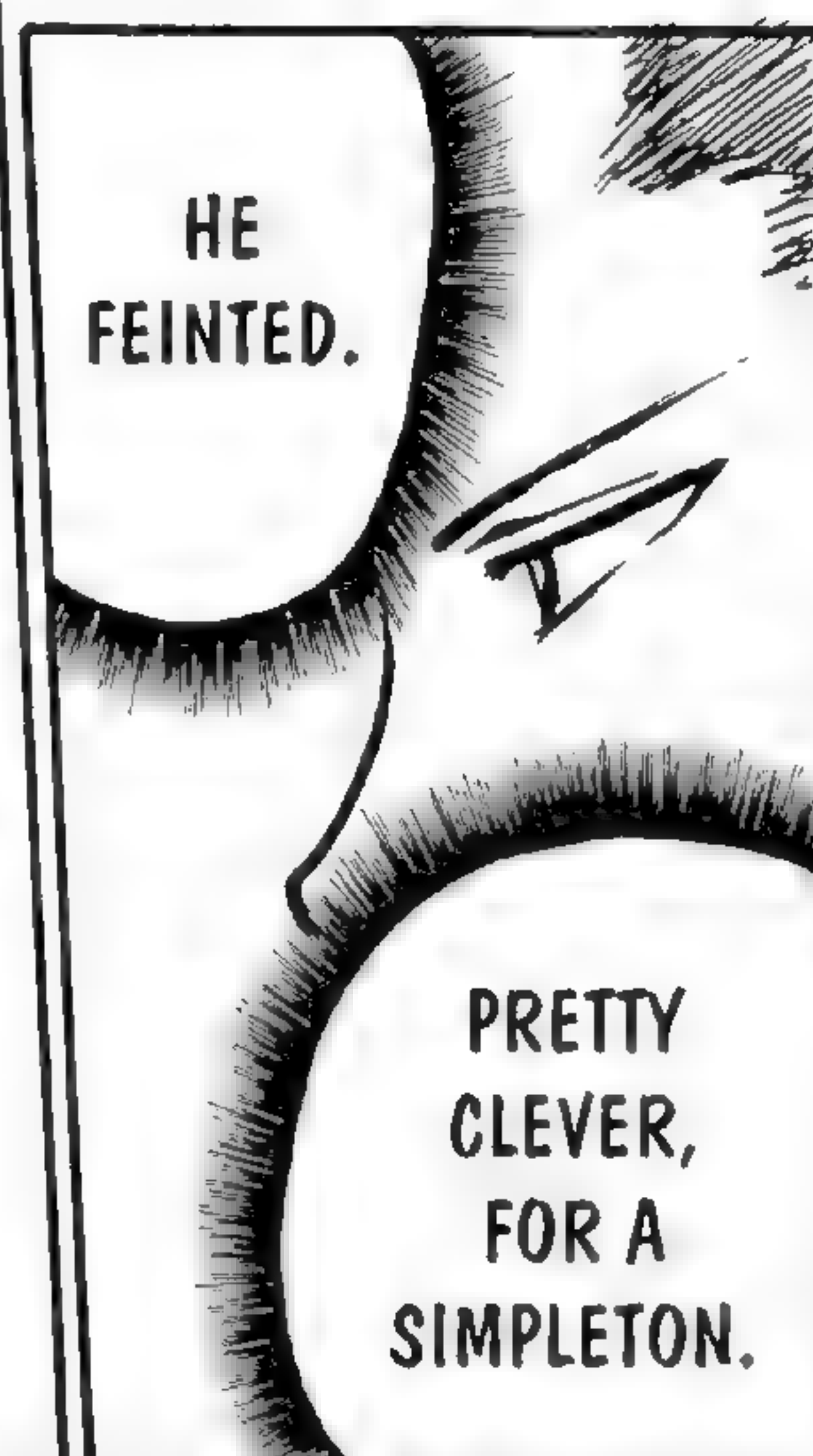
**WE WEREN'T
WHAT HE WAS
AIMING AT!**

**IT WENT RIGHT
INTO OUR
APARTMENT!**

**HEY! HE'S
TRASHED MY
ROOM!**



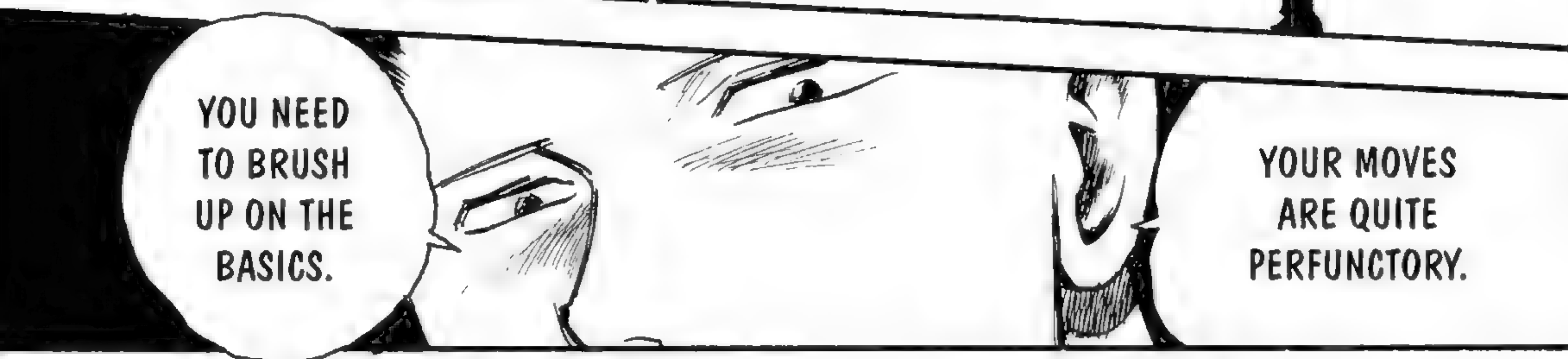
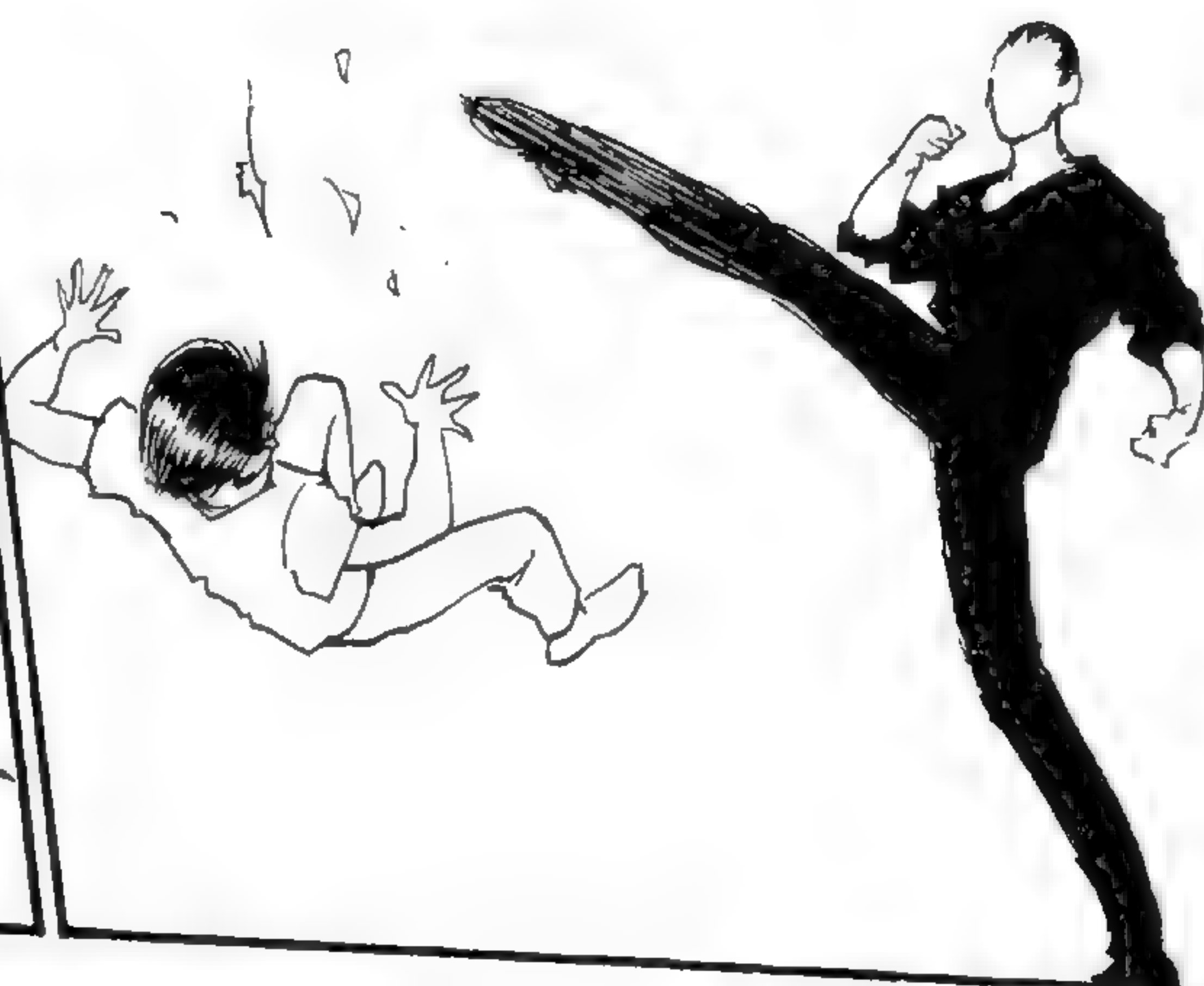






NICE
ONE...

KOFF!



YOU NEED
TO BRUSH
UP ON THE
BASICS.

YOUR MOVES
ARE QUITE
PERFUNCTORY.



THEN
TRY ME!!



AND I'M
BETTER THAN
EVER!

I'M
BACK!

THIS'LL GIVE
ME A CHANCE
TO EVALUATE HIM.

HEH...



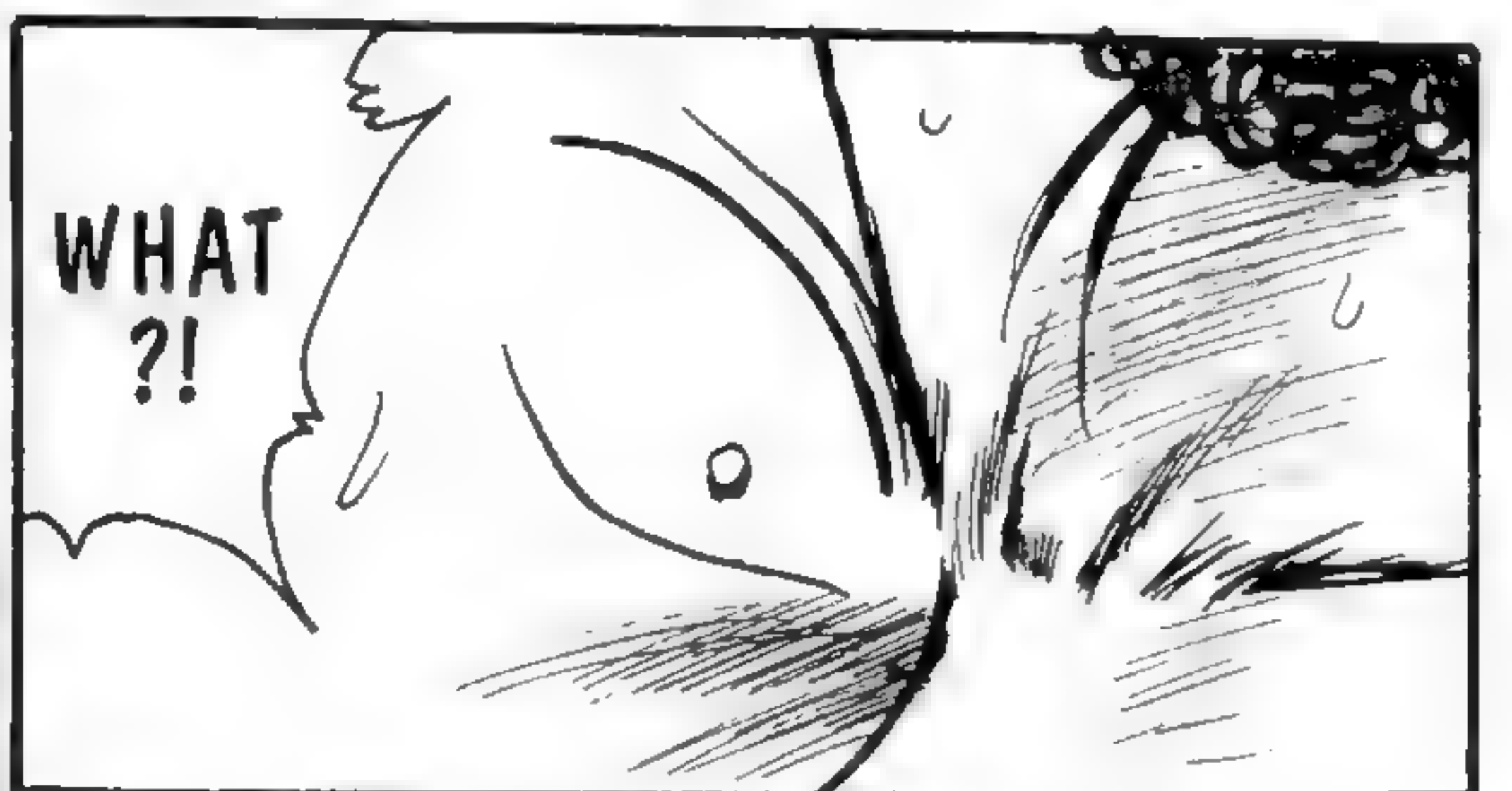
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GIVES?!

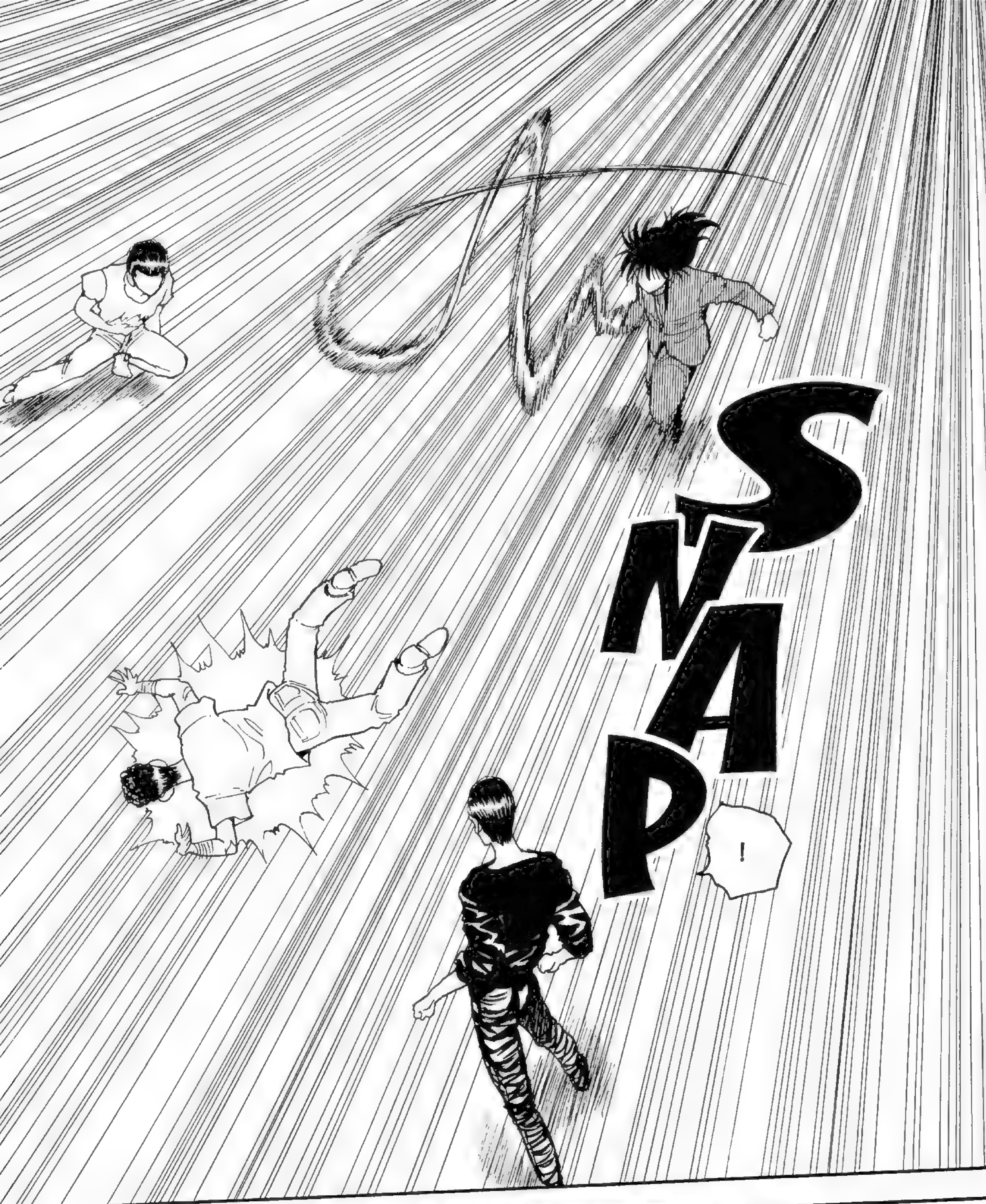
HUH?!

GUESS HE
CAN'T YET
SUMMON HIS
NEW ONE AT
WILL.

THIS LOOKS
LIKE MY OLD
SWORD!!

NEVER
MIND!
HYAAH!!

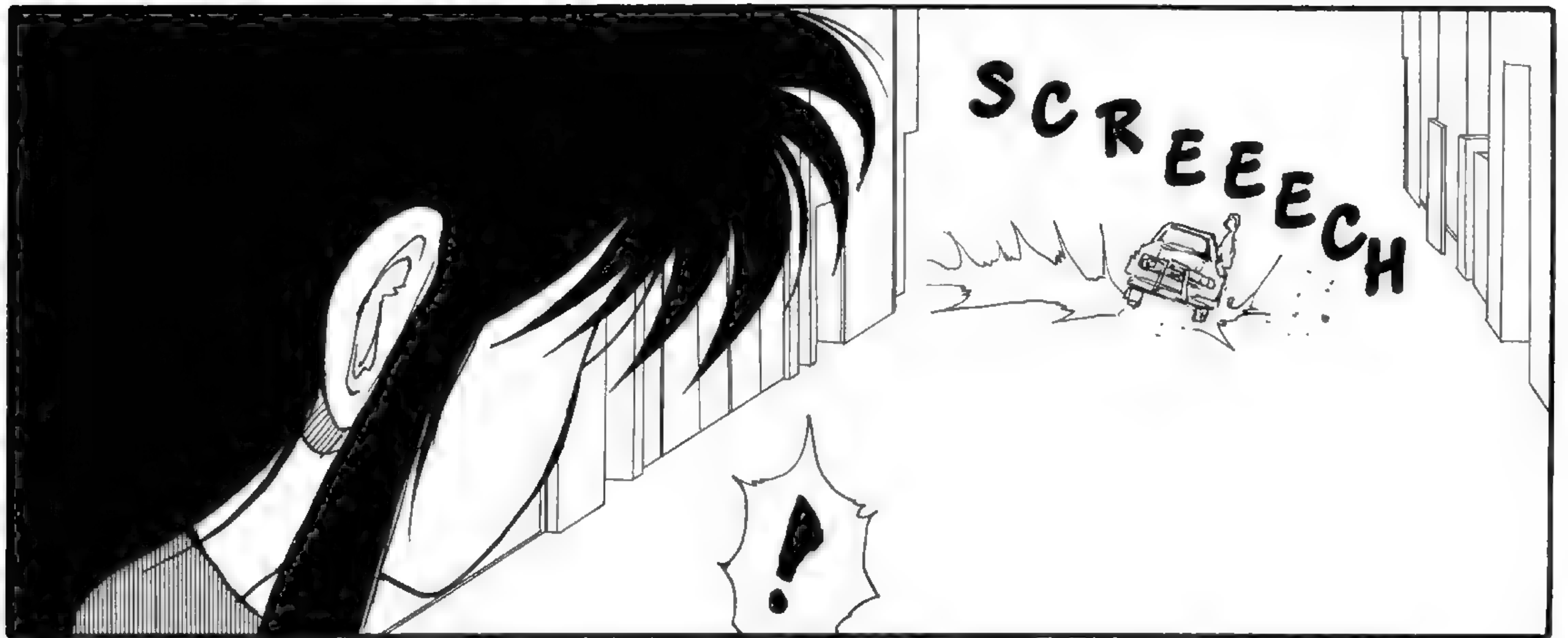




MY ROSE
WHIP OUGHT TO
COUNTER HIS
KICKS!!

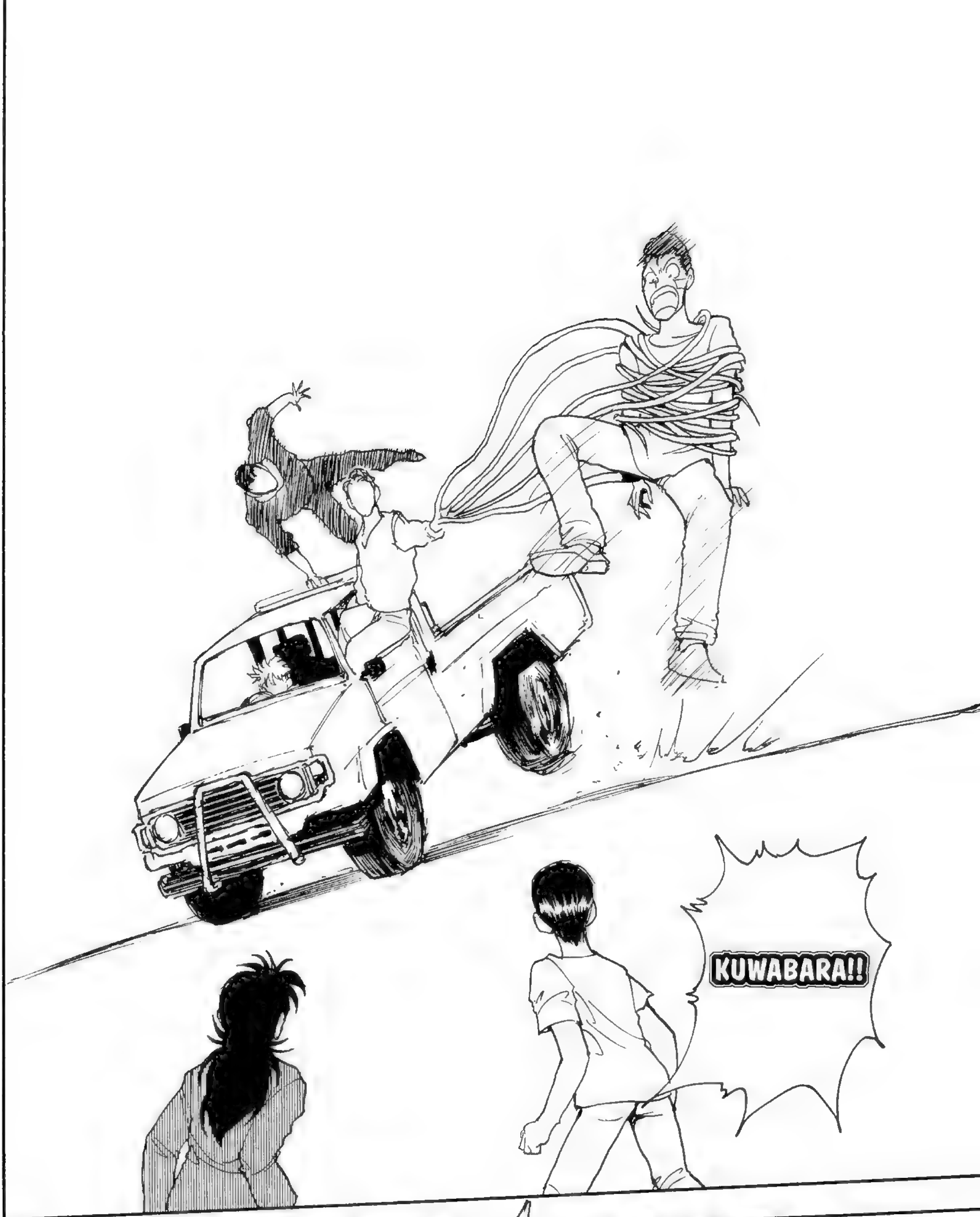


SENSUI CAN'T
BE ATTACKED
STRAIGHT ON.





HUH?!

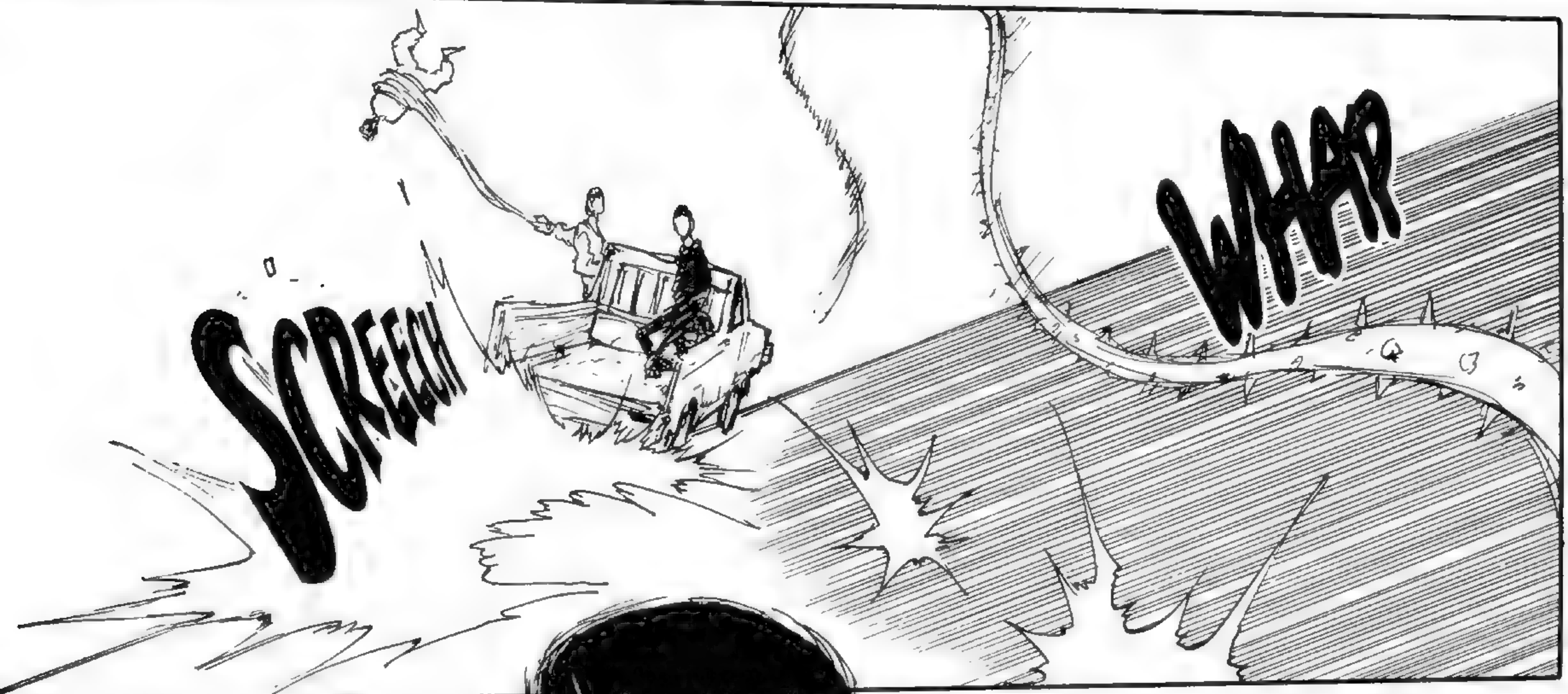




HURF!



LEMME
GO!!



SCREECH

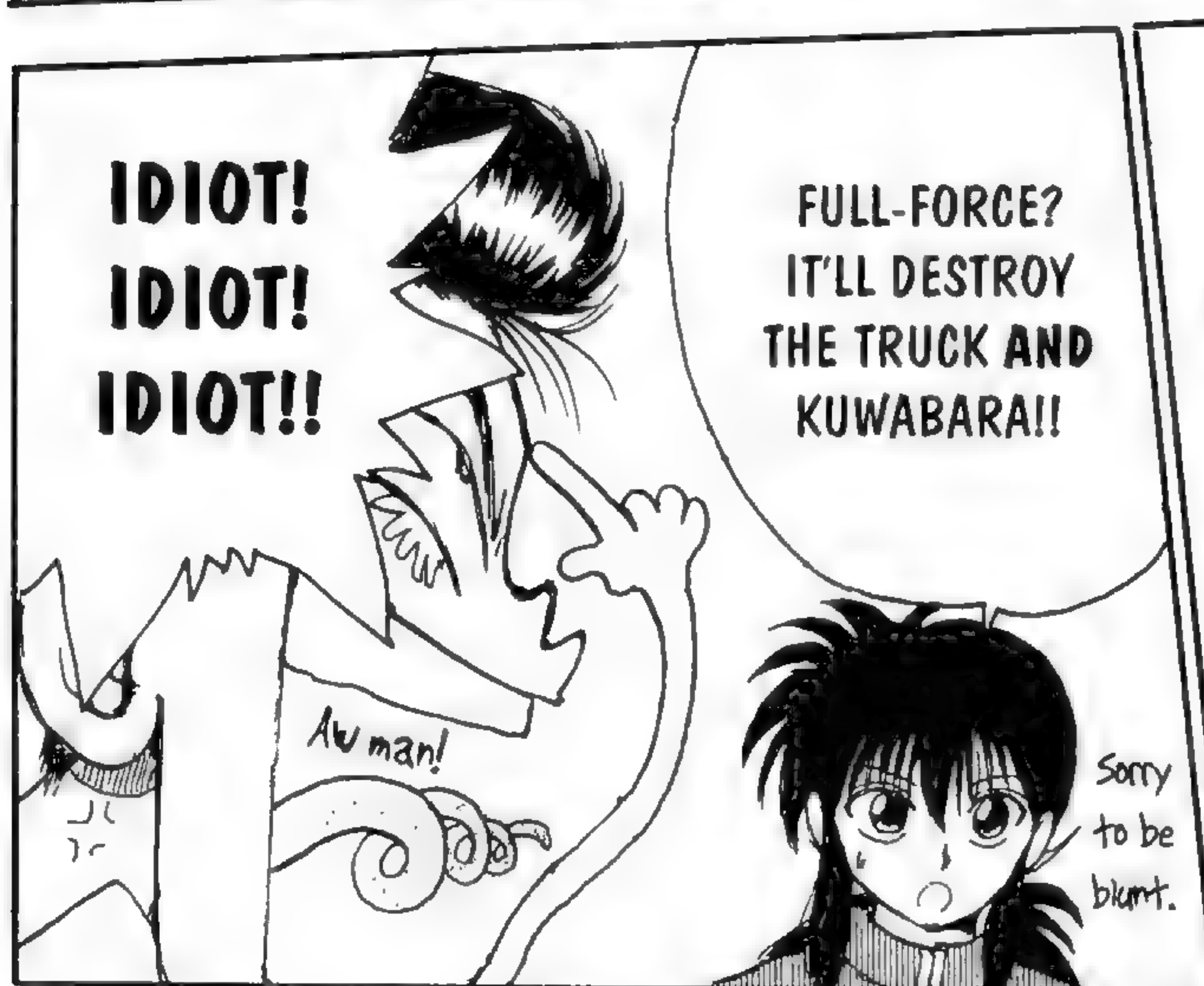
WHAR



NOT FOR
ME IT
AIN'T!!

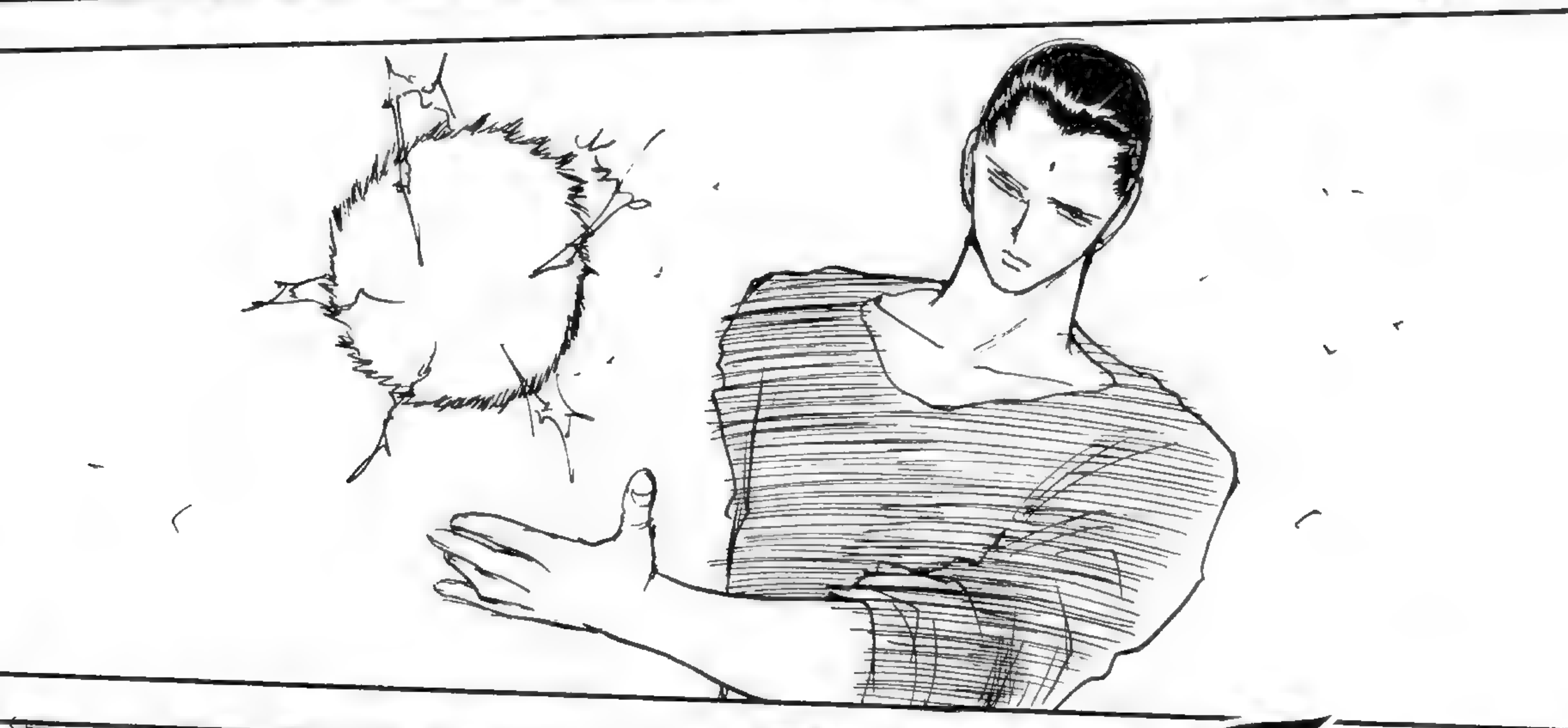


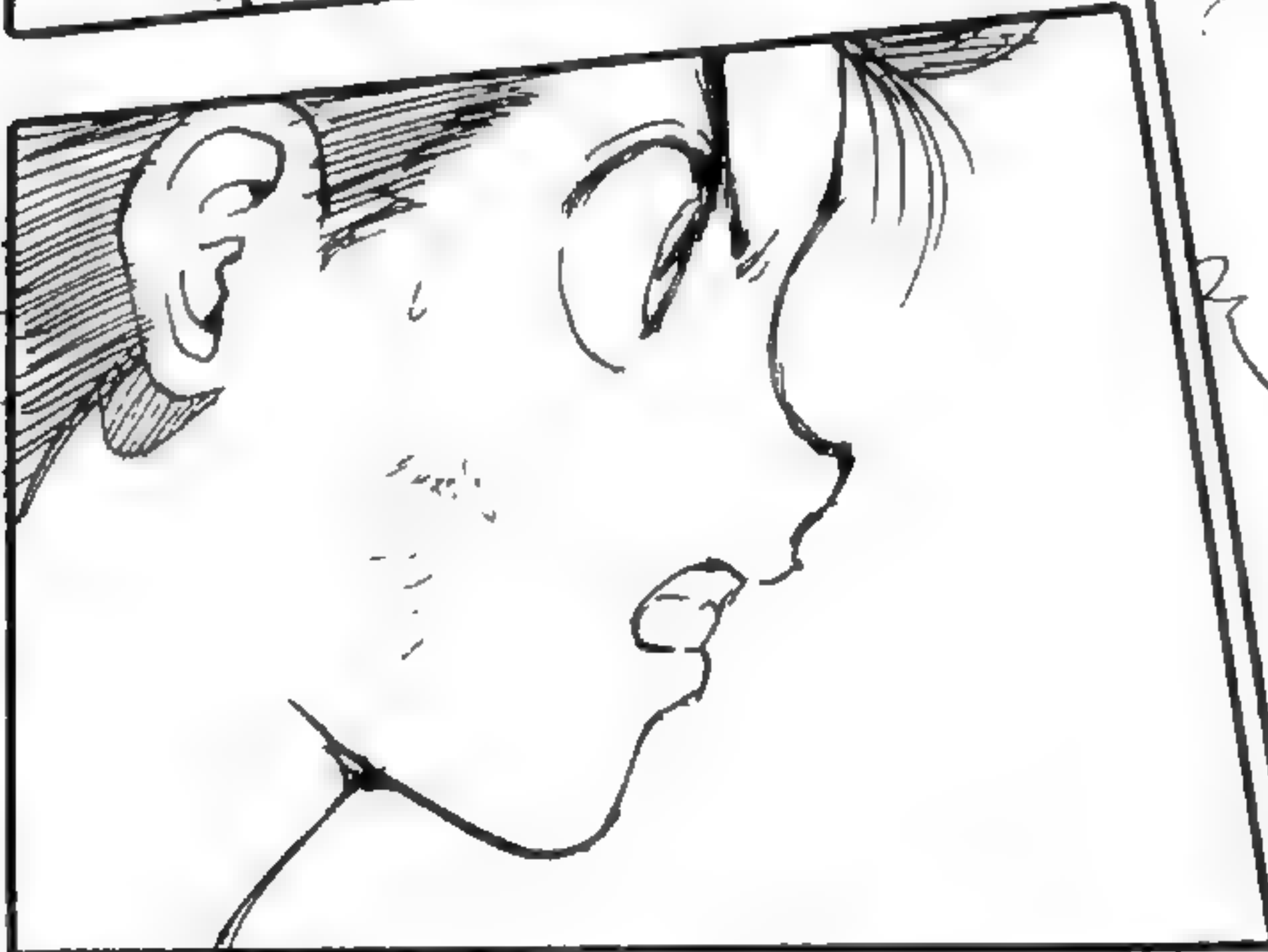
TOO FAR
AWAY!



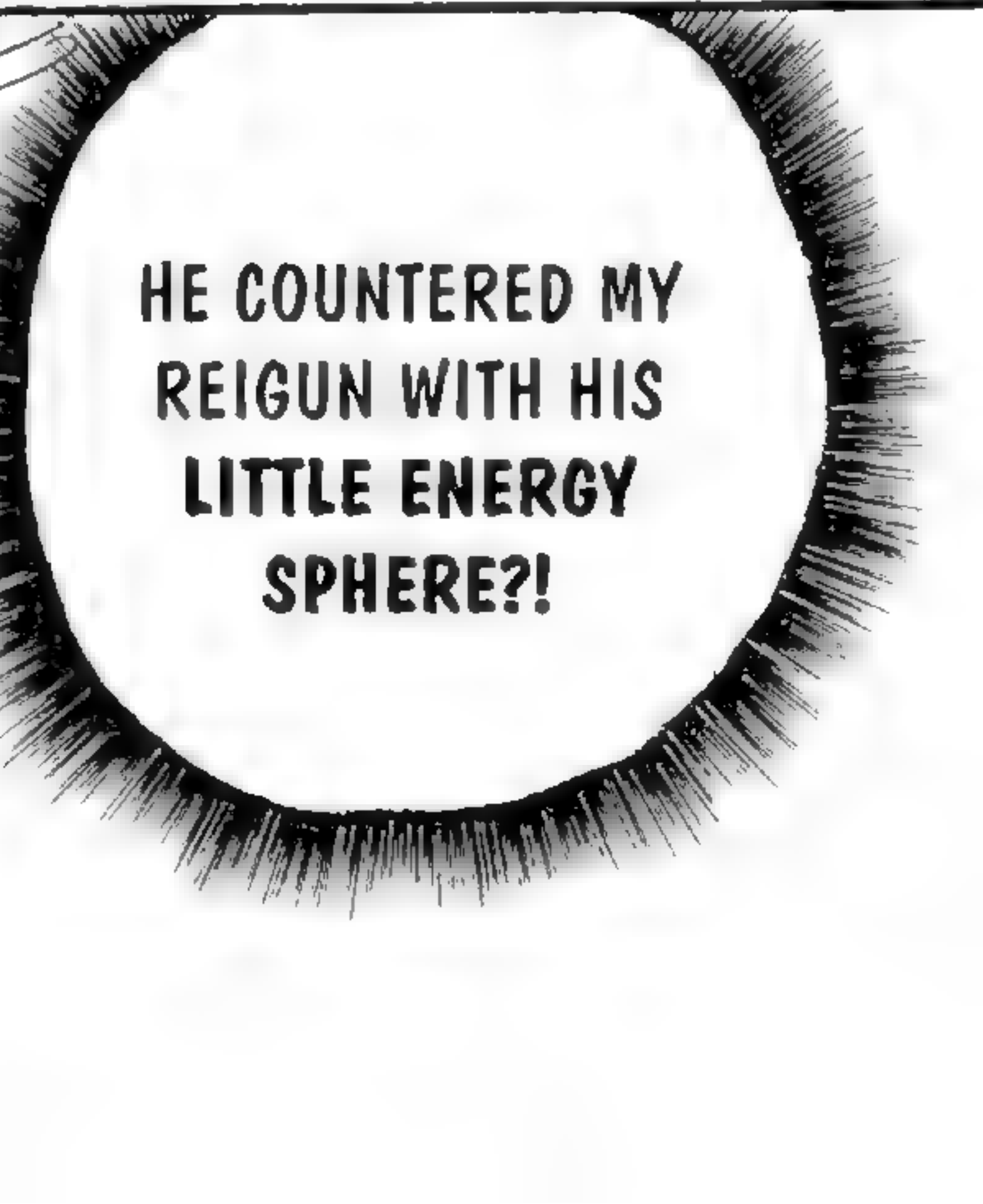
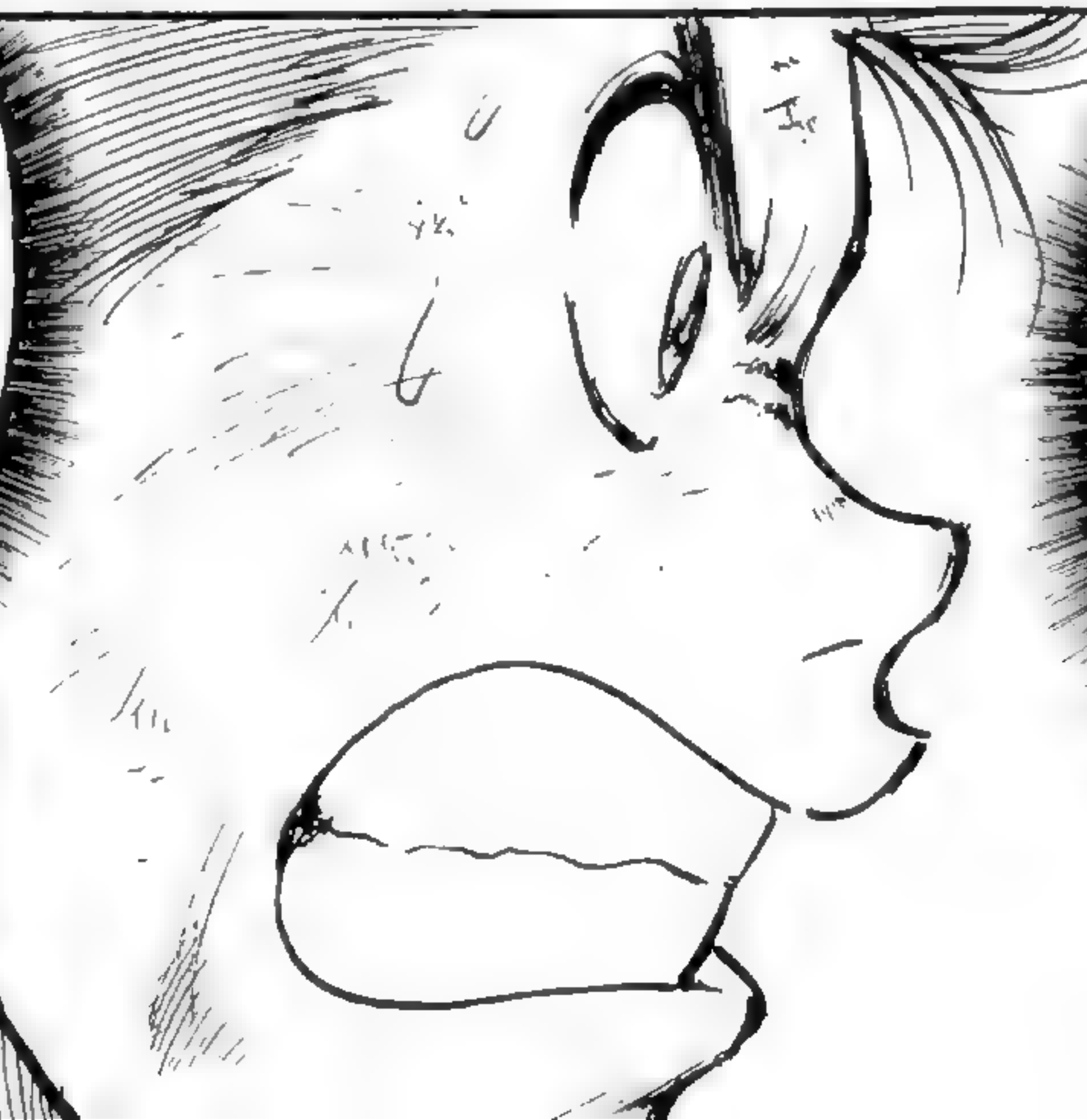
He's rather calm.

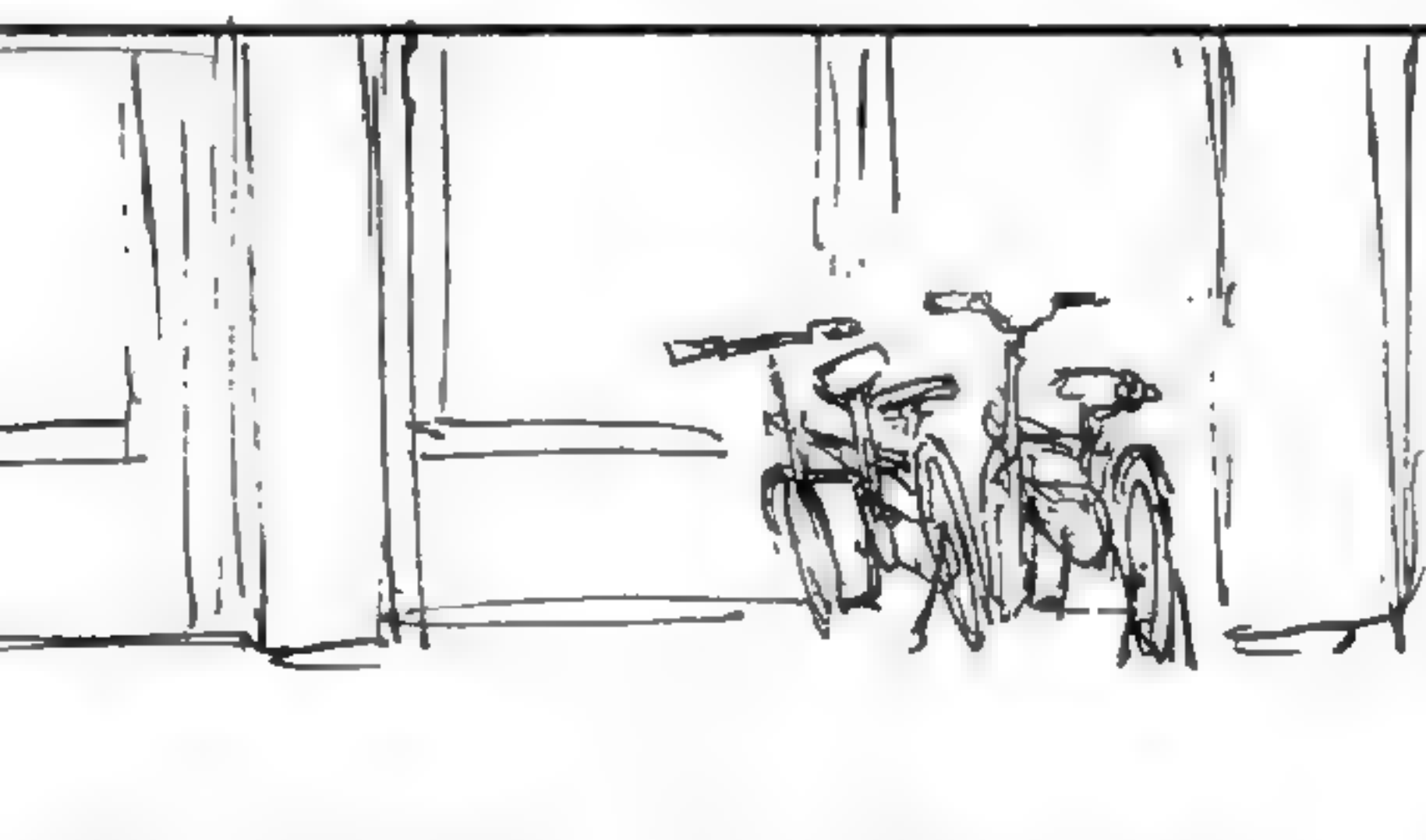






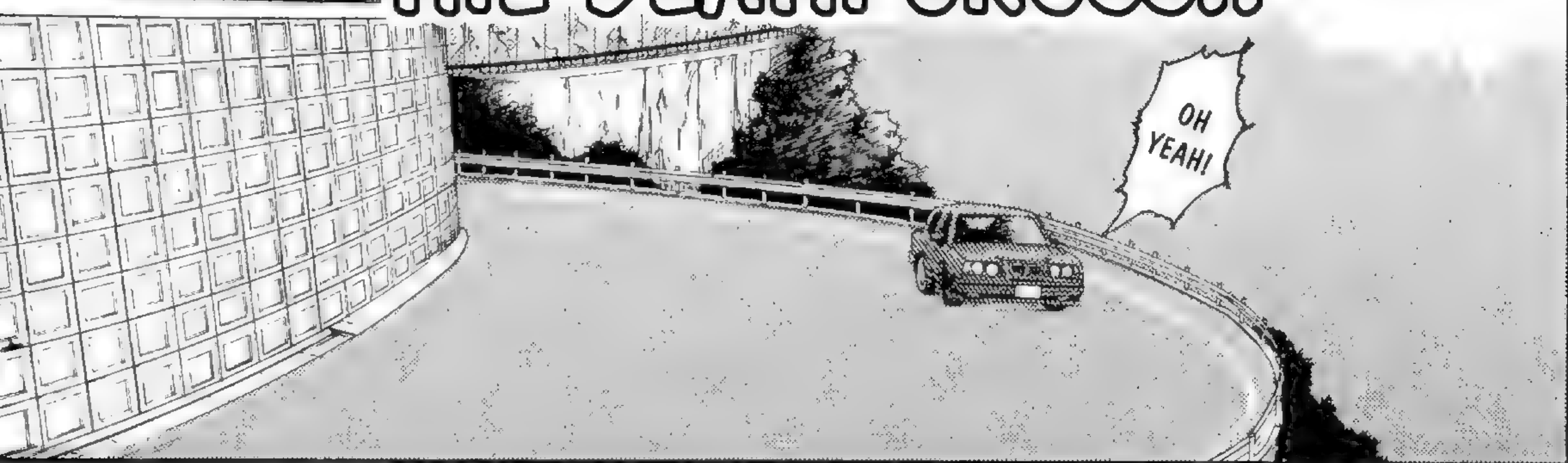
**BA
WOOM**







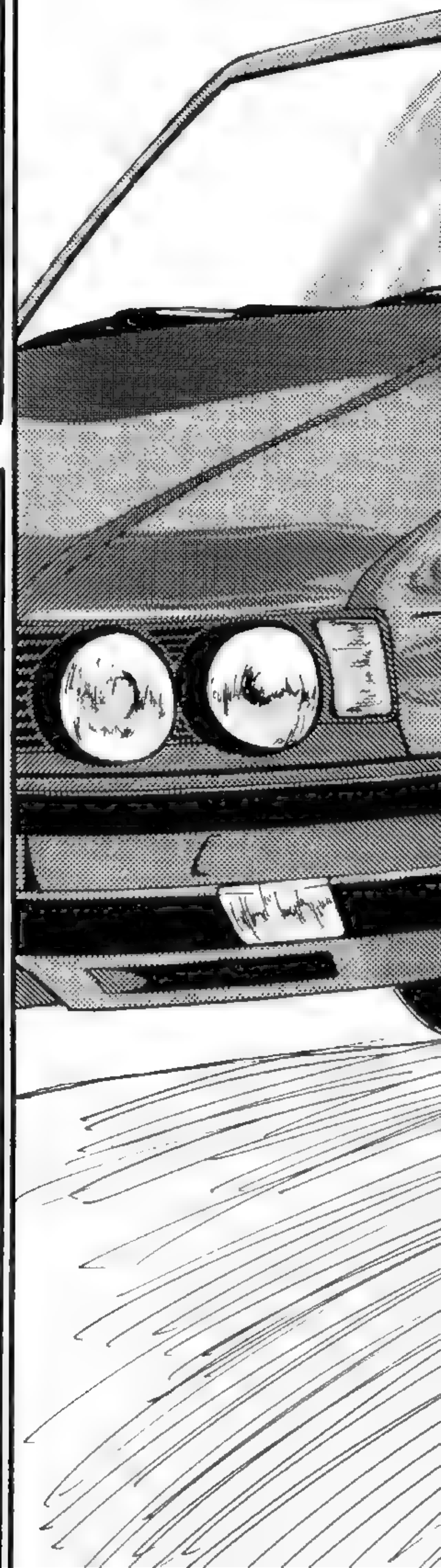
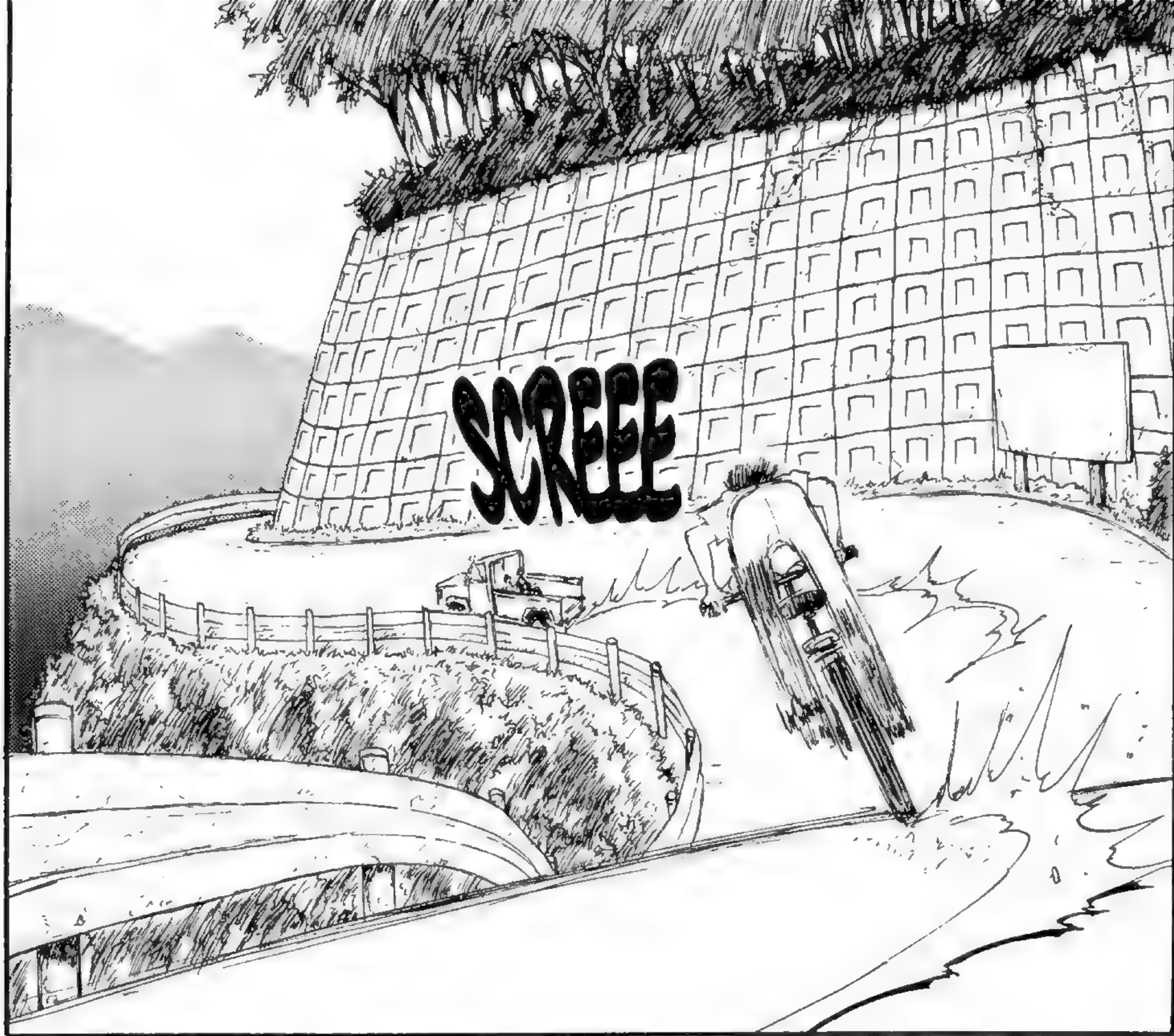
THE DEATH CROSS!!



Definite wastes of space

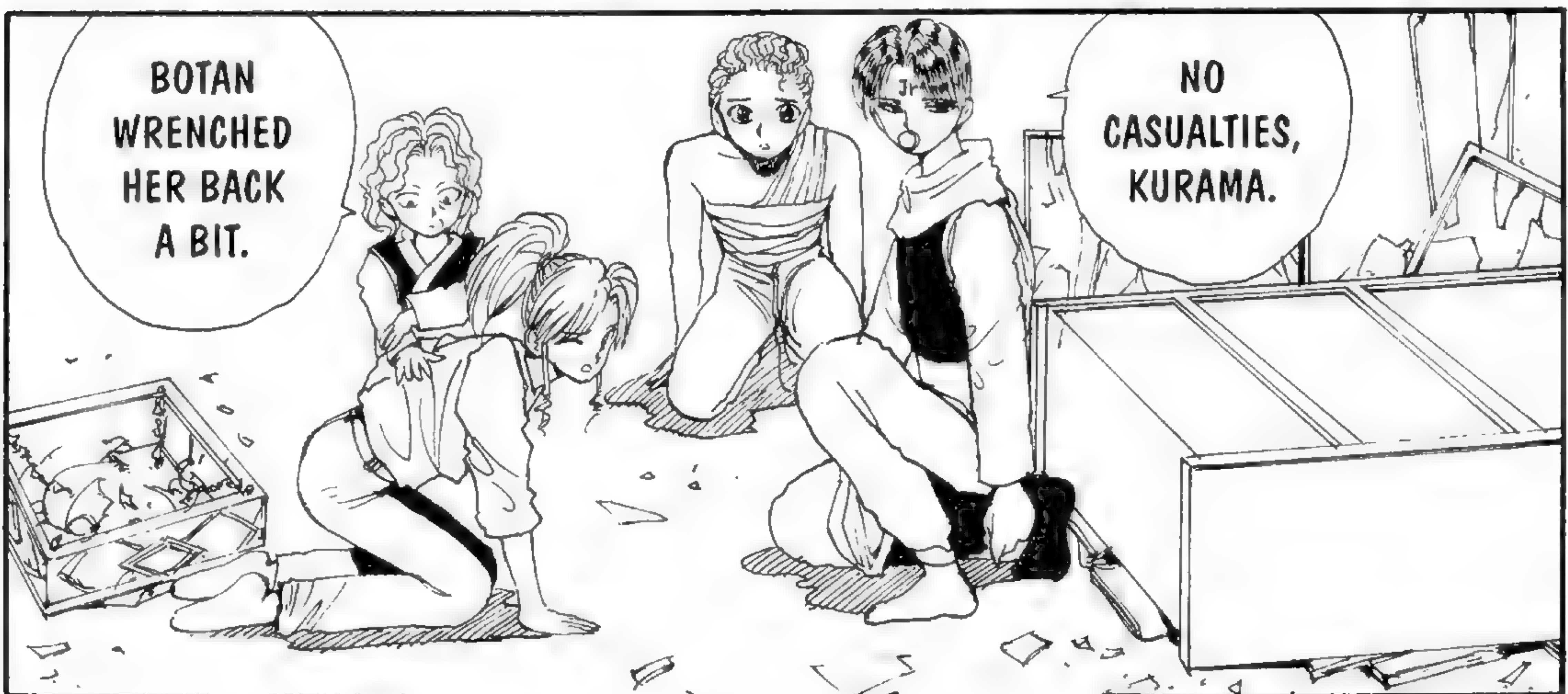
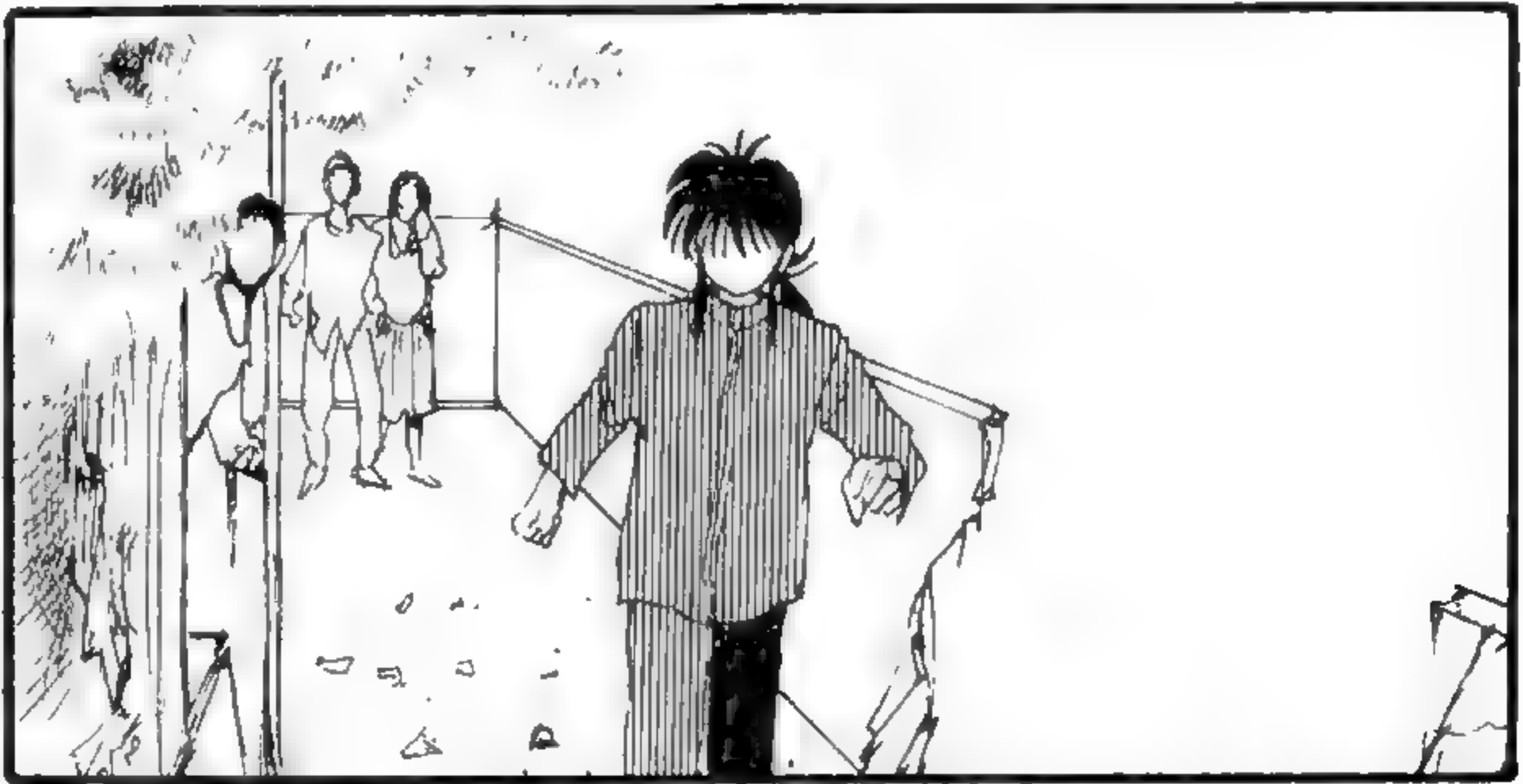
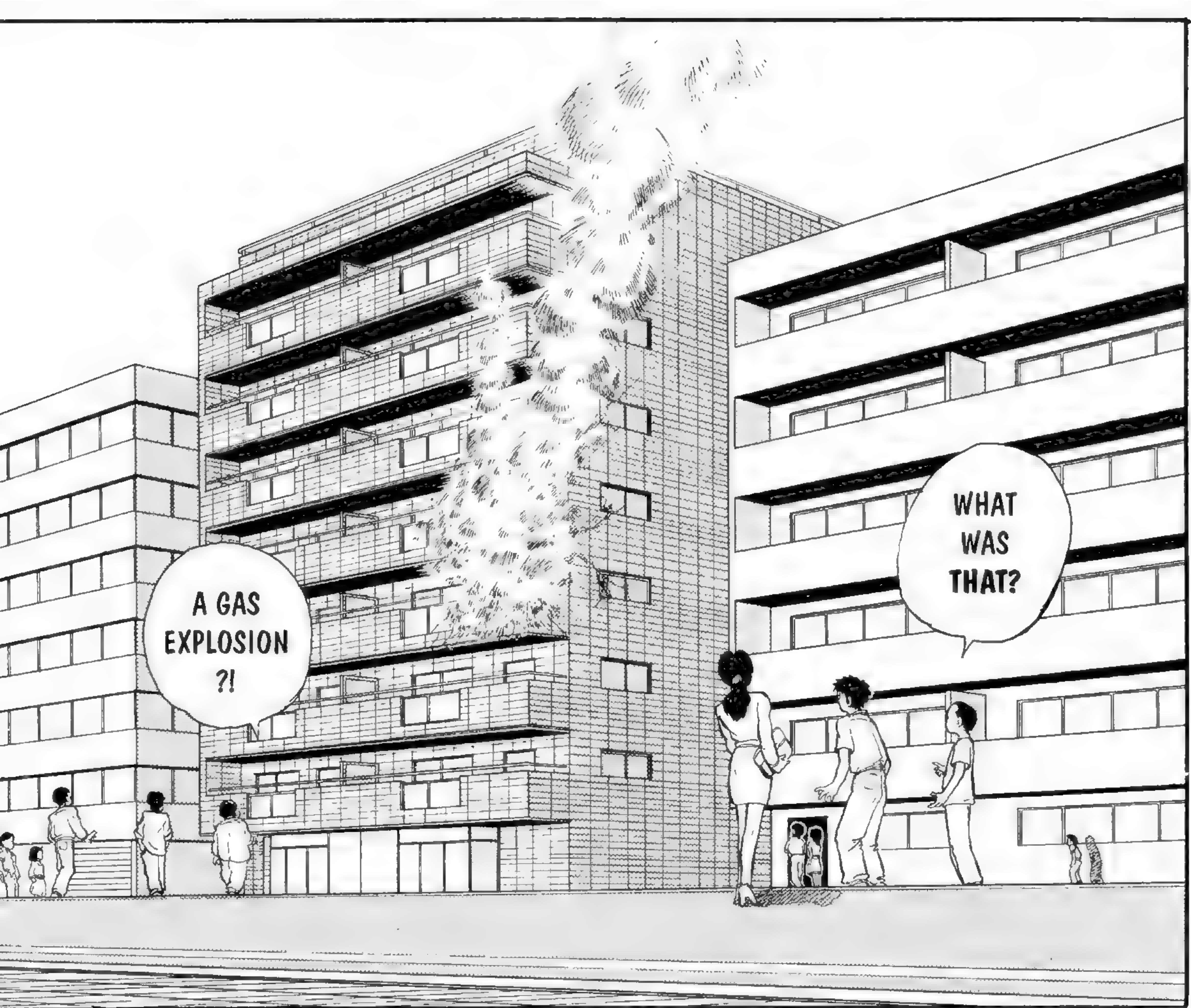


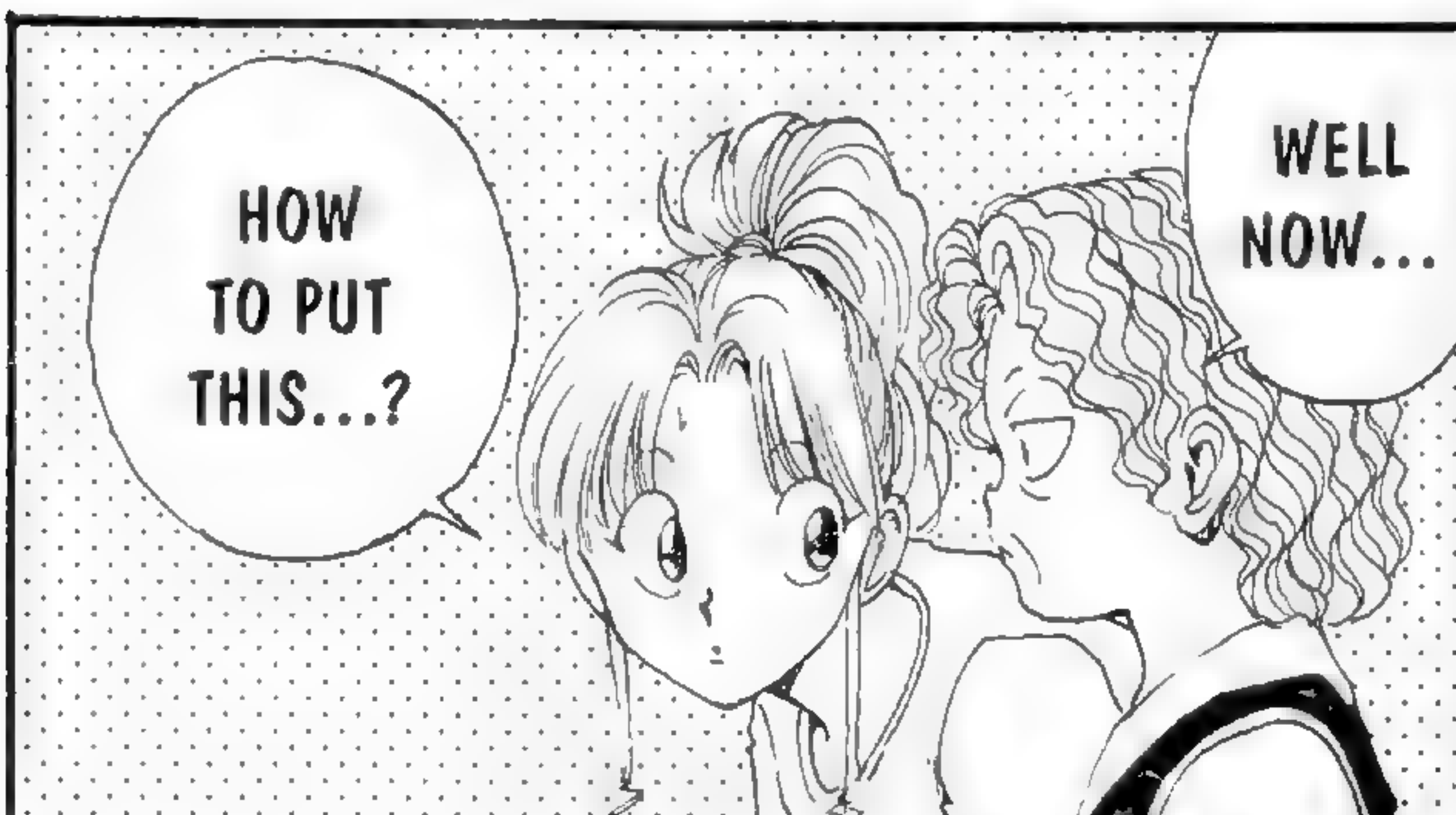
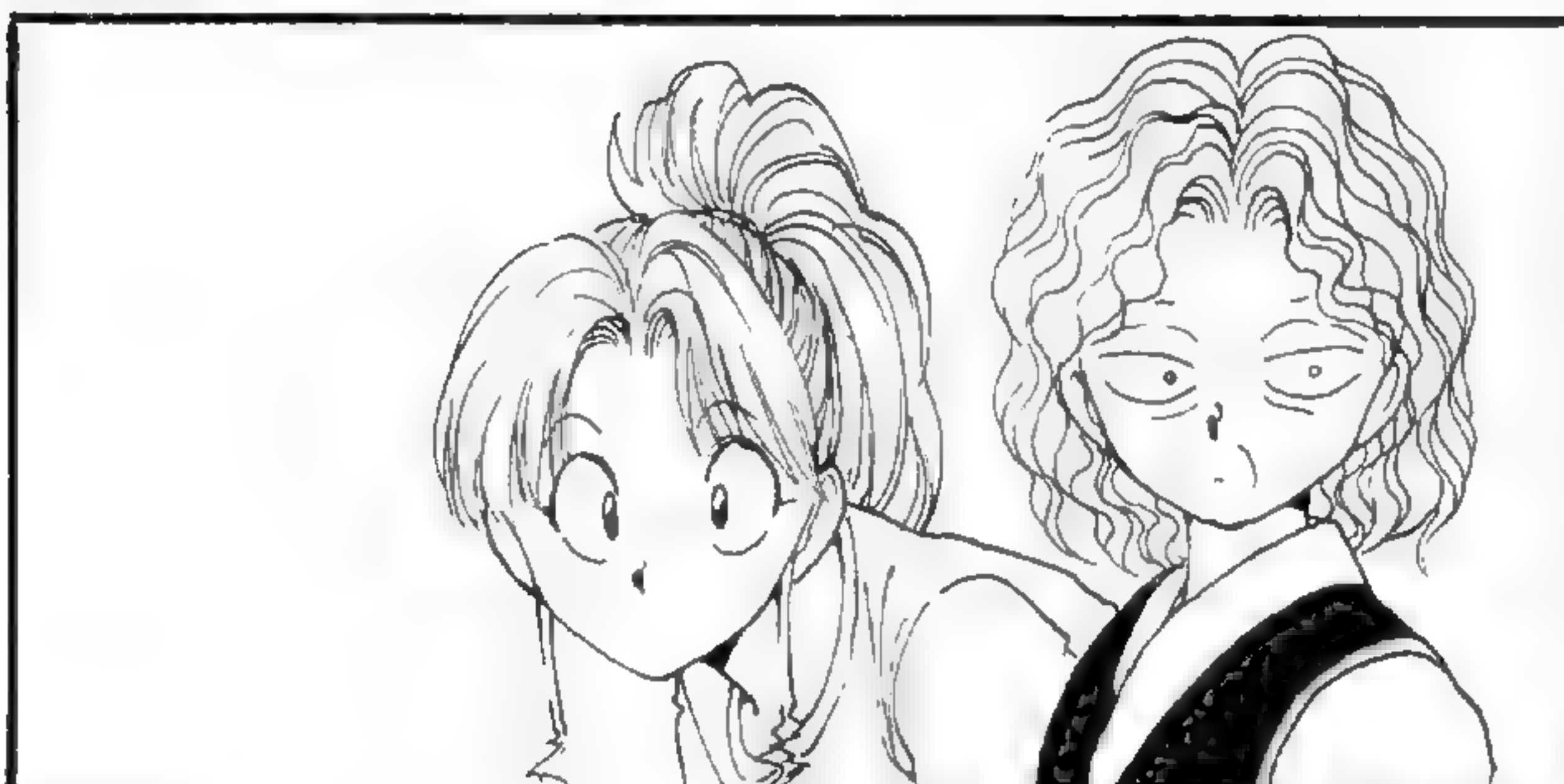
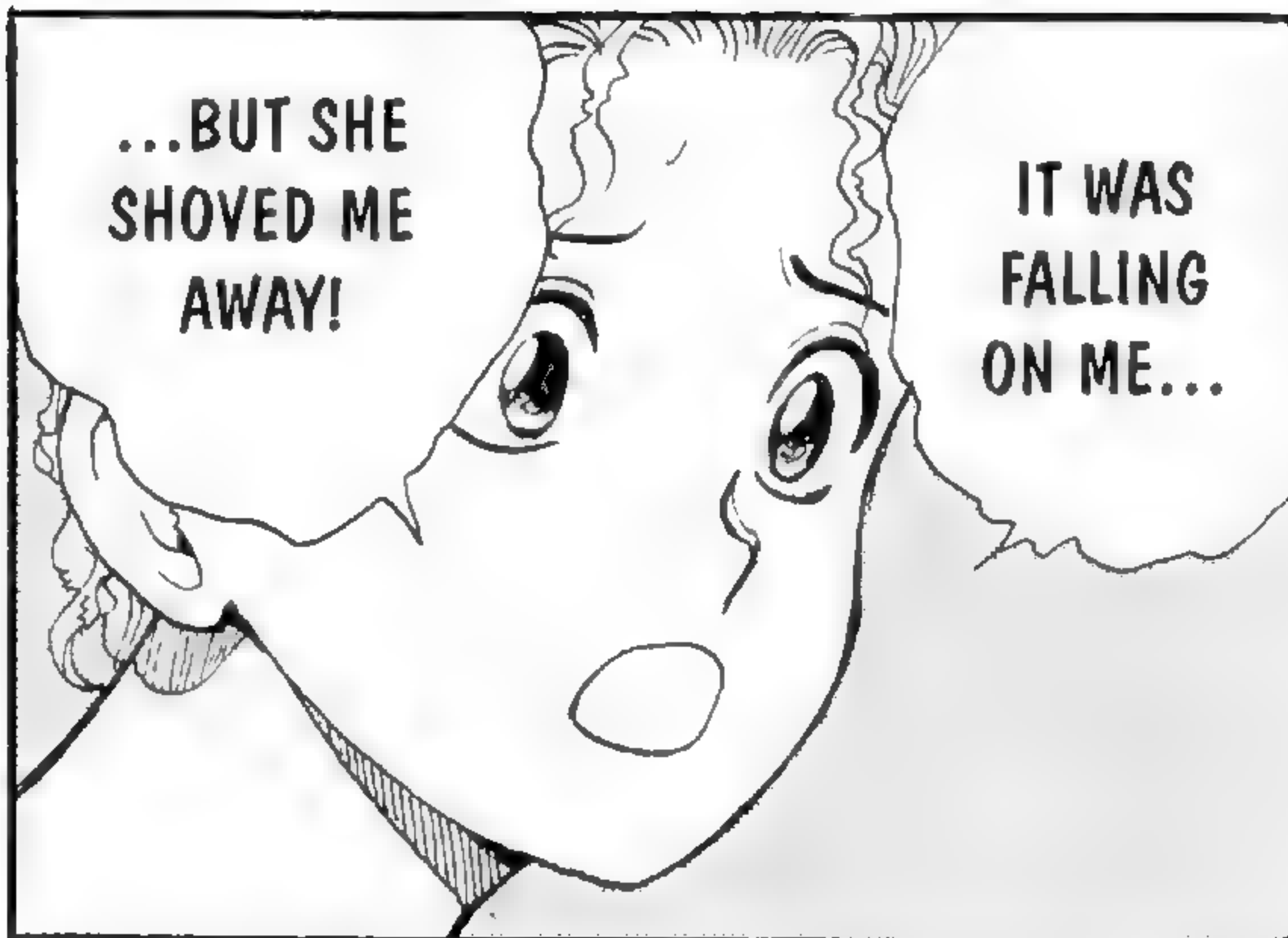


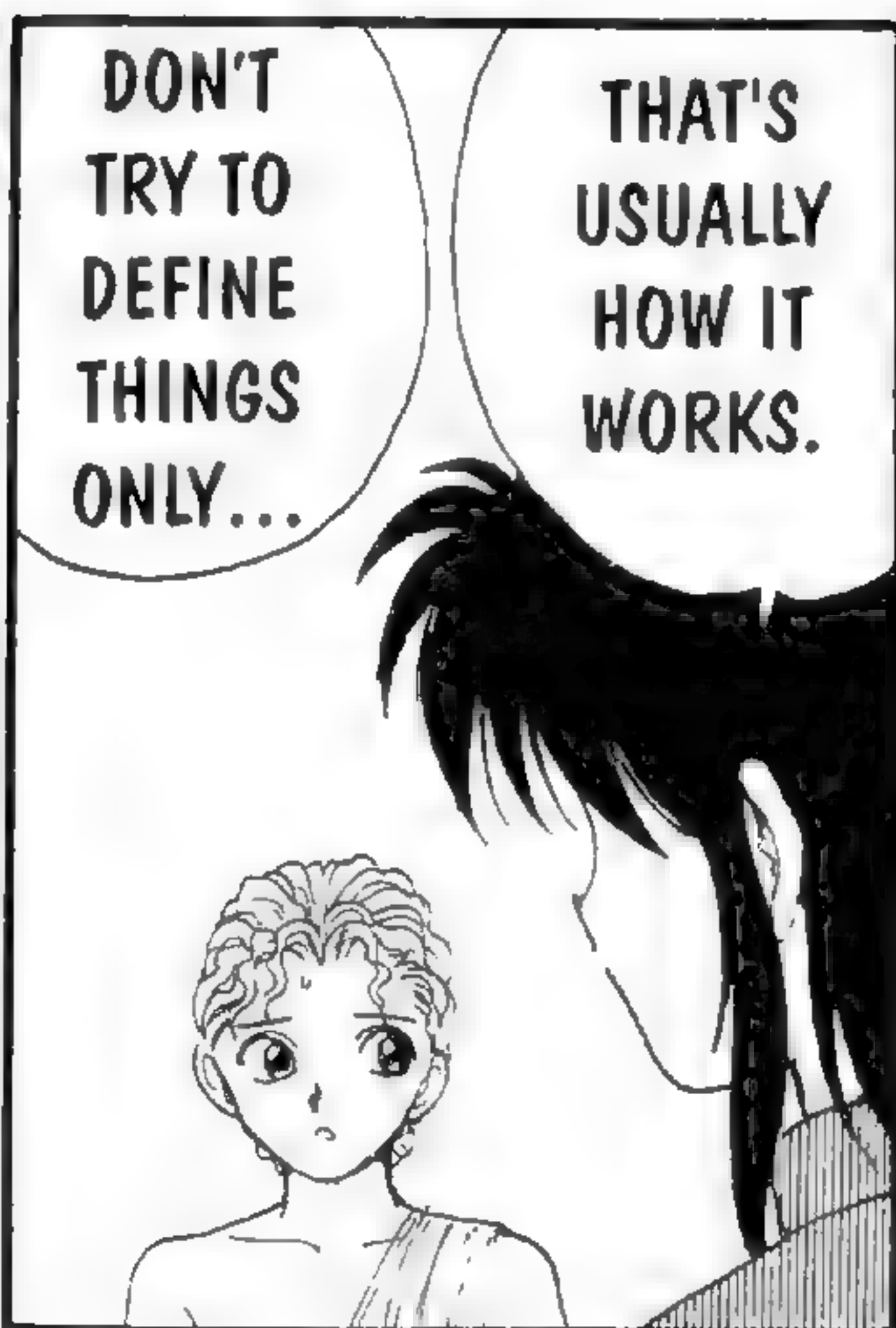


THE DEATH CROSS!!











...AFTER
THIS...

...WE WON'T
HOLD BACK.
THERE'S TOO
MUCH AT STAKE.



TAKE WHAT
PATH YOU WILL.
HOWEVER, IF
YOU OPPOSE
US...

BUT
ENOUGH...WE'D
BETTER GET OUT
OF HERE.



I SAW. THAT
IDIOT BLEW IT.

THEY GOT
KUWABARA,
I'M AFRAID.



I'LL MAKE UP
SOME STORY
FOR THE
COPS.

C'MON, LET'S
TAKE THE
FIRE EXIT.





HE'LL FOLLOW US
ALL THE
WAY TO
THE CAVE!

THAT
NUT'S
STILL
WITH
US!



HE'LL FOLLOW US
ALL THE
WAY TO
THE CAVE!

THAT
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WITH
US!



HAGIRI'S ON THE MOVE.

NO PROBLEM.

HAGIRI'S ON THE MOVE.

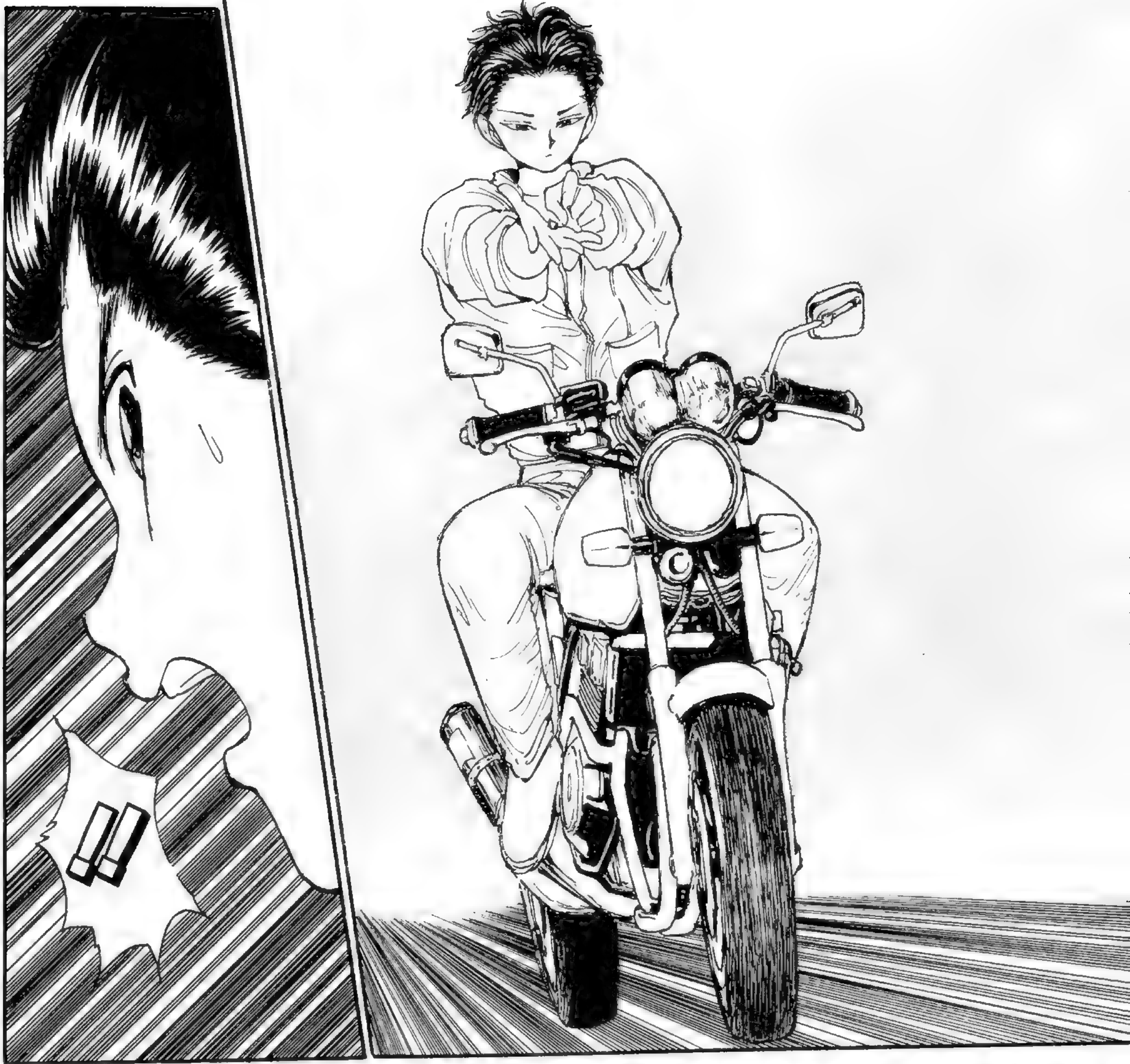
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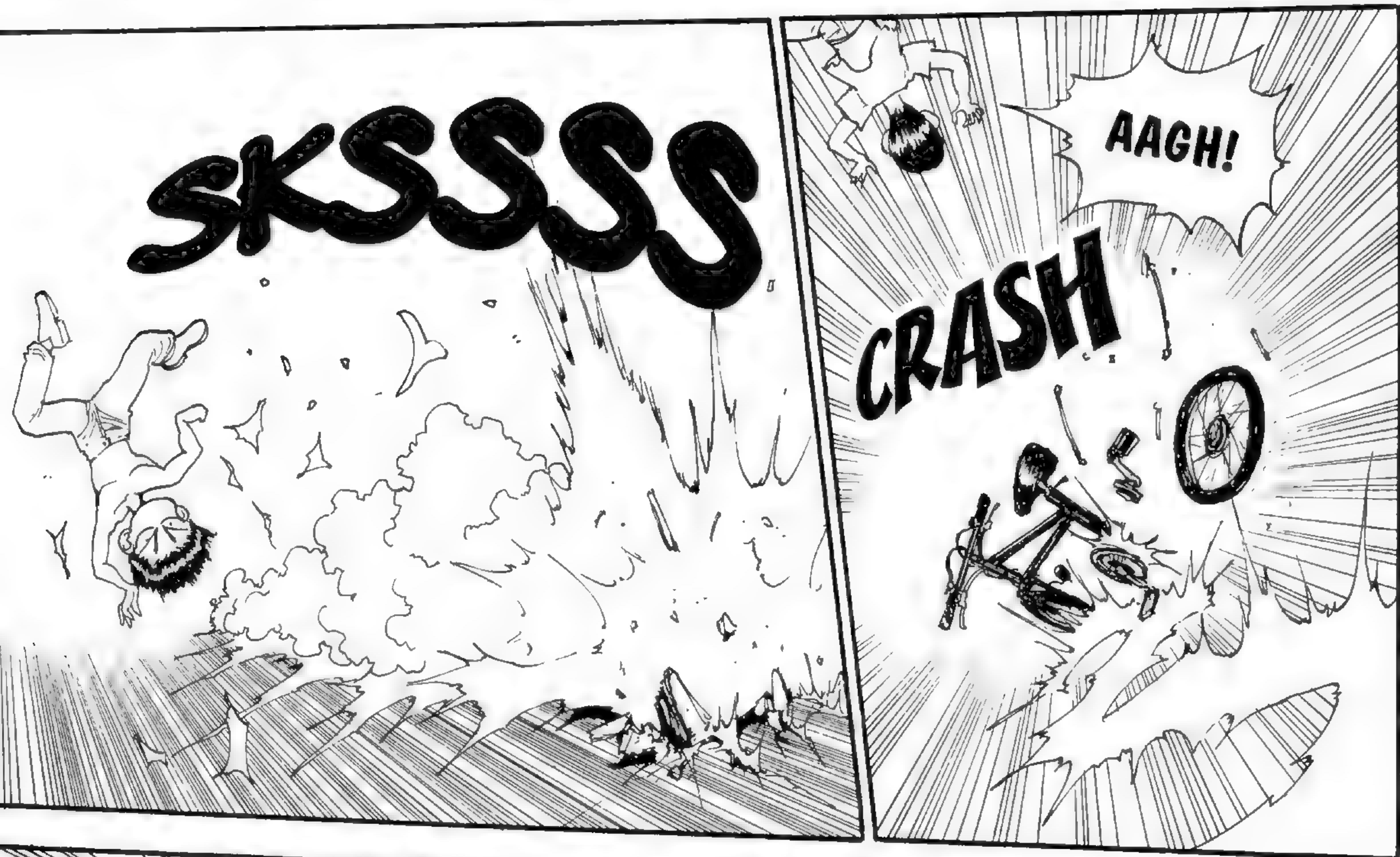
**I'M
GONNA
CATCH YA!**

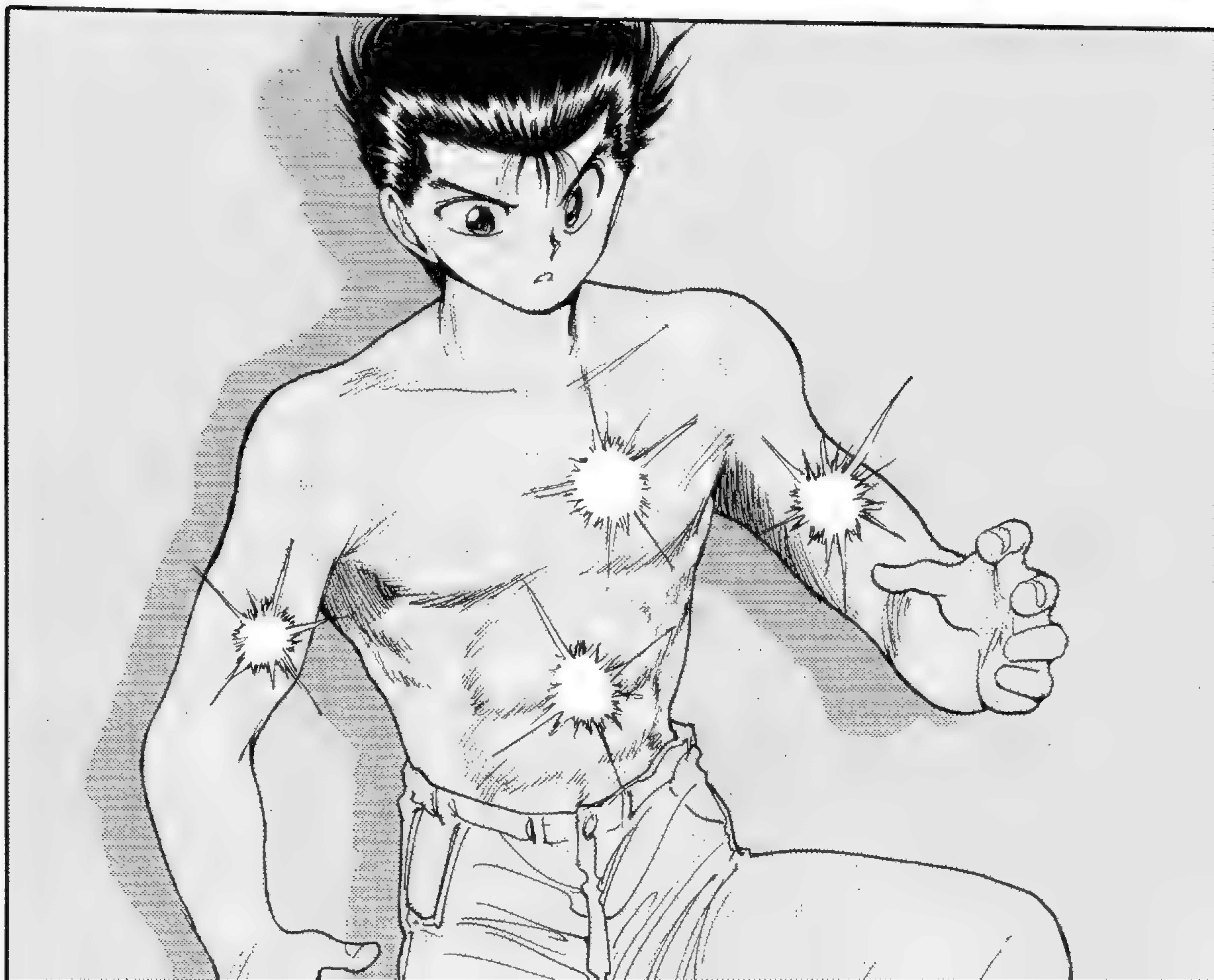
RAAAGH!!

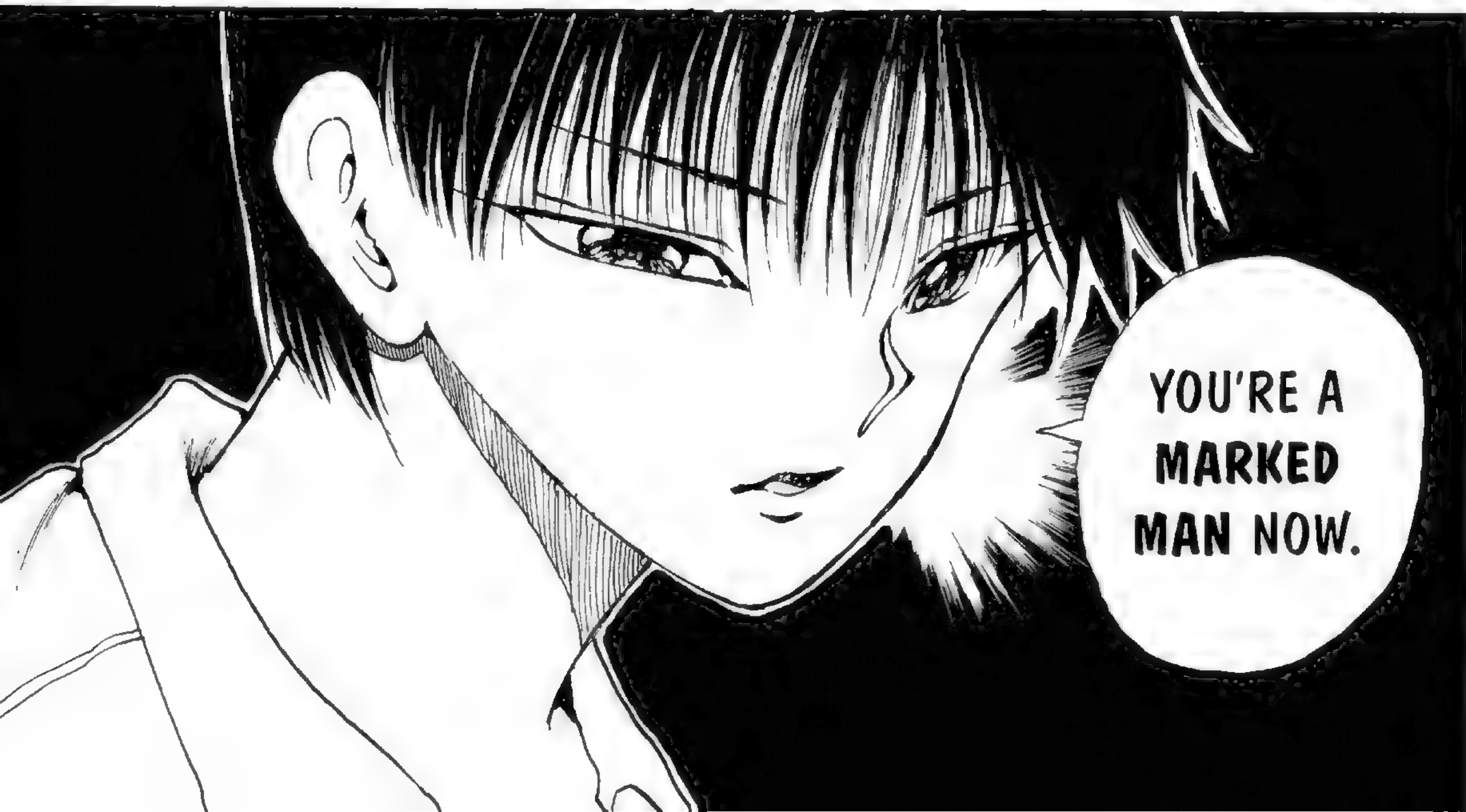
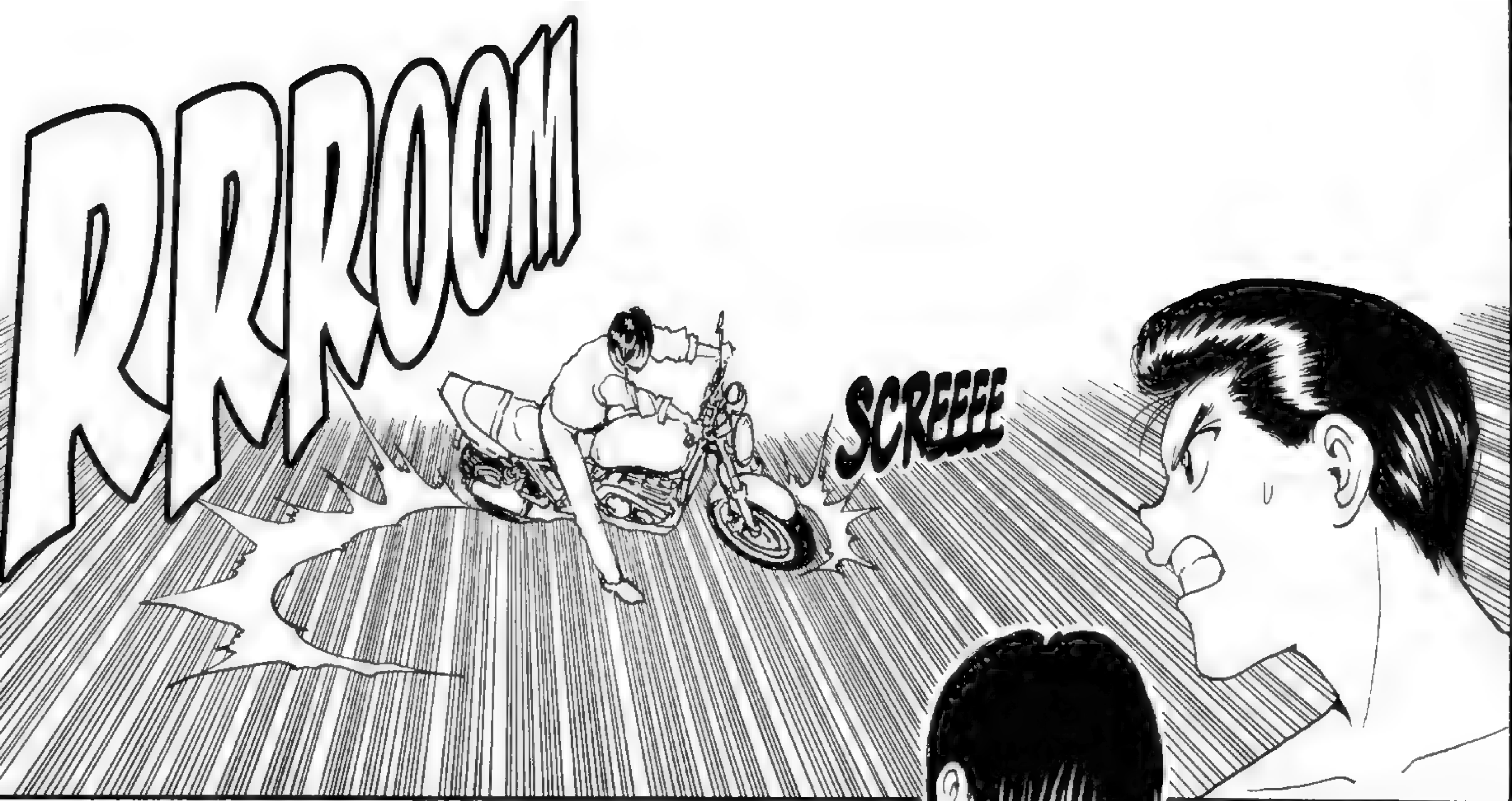
**I'M
GONNA
CATCH YA!**

RAAAGH!!











WHAT?!

DADUM

TOSS

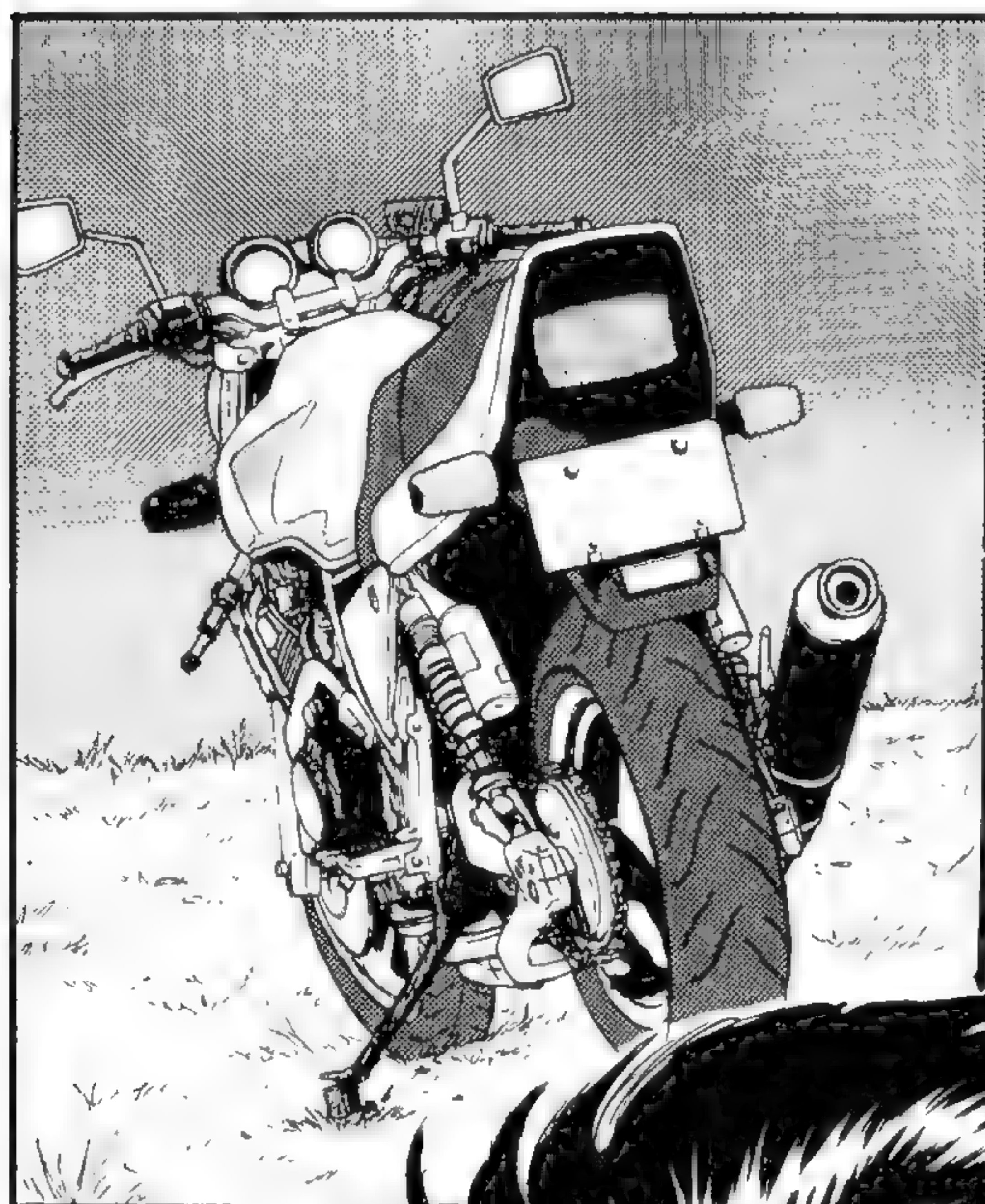
**THEY
ARE LITTLE
TARGETS!**

**FOUR
OF 'EM!**

BOOM!!

ZW





WHERE'LL THE
NEXT SHOTS
COME FROM?!

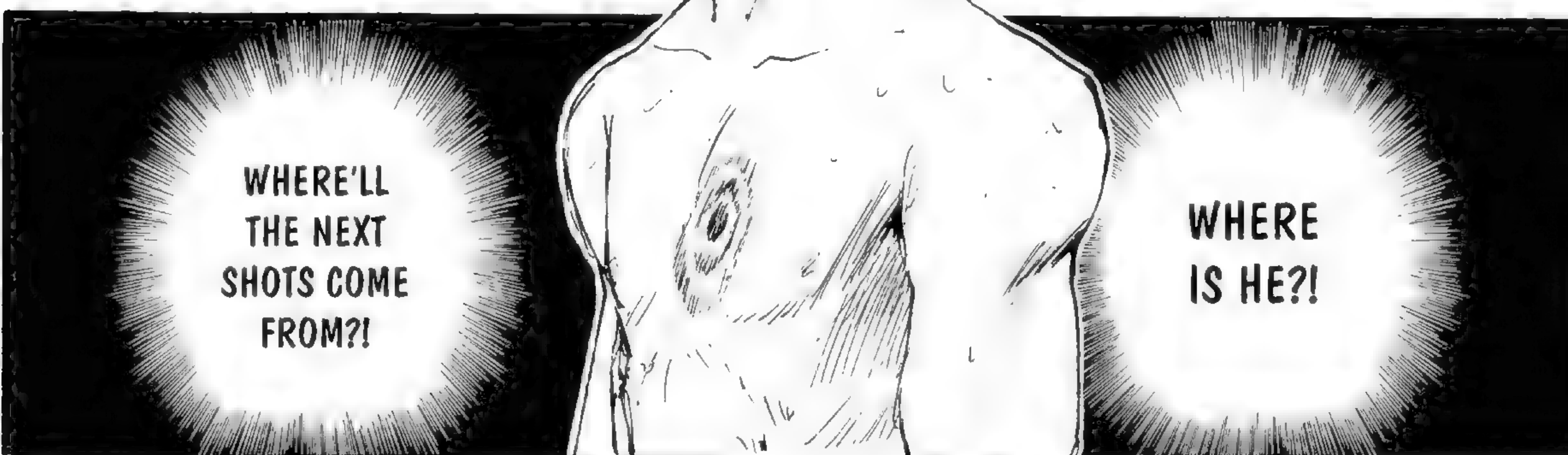
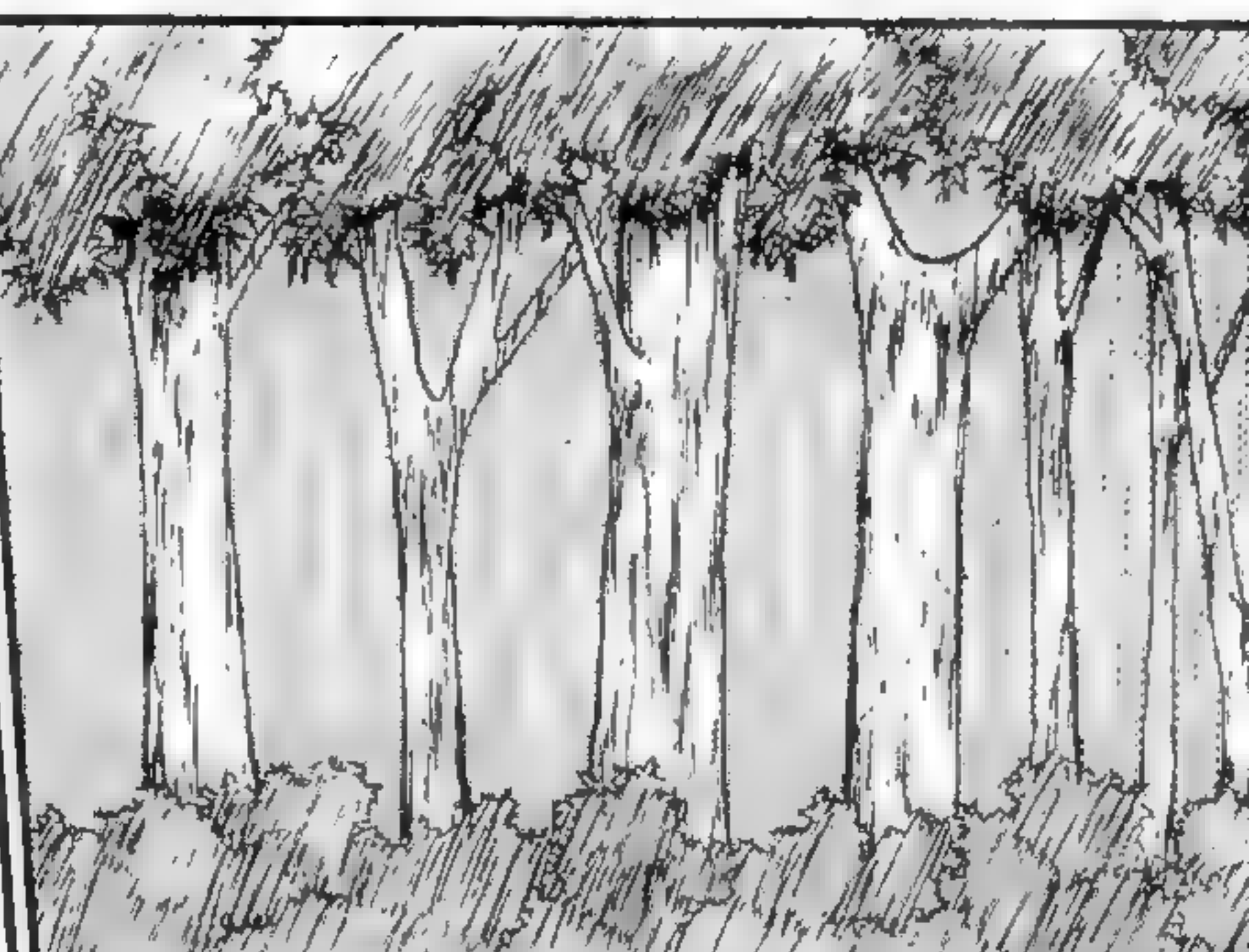
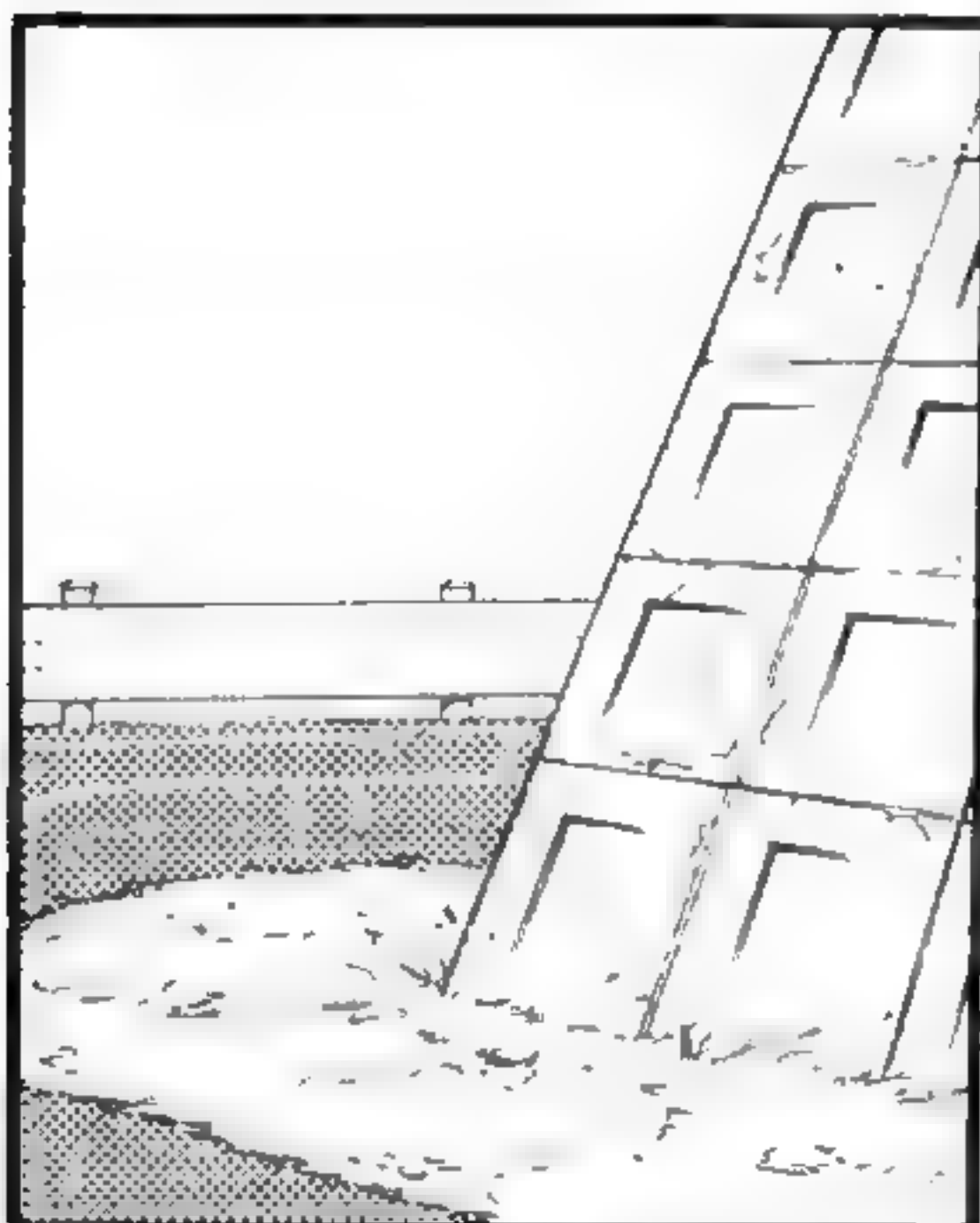
WHERE'D
HE GO?!



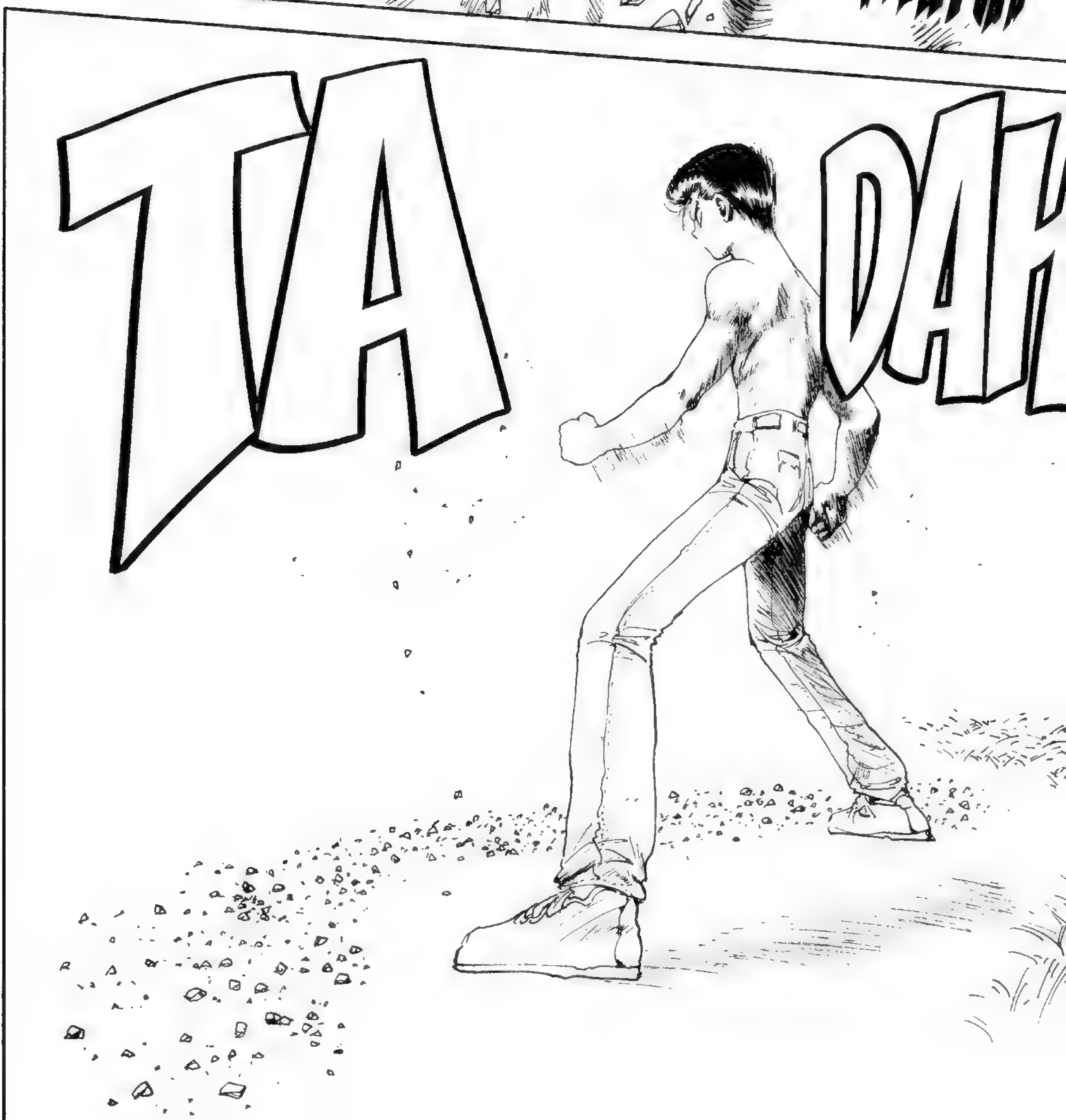
THE REAL PURSUER!!



KANAME HAGIRI
ABILITY: SNIPER
TERRITORY: RADIUS OF 200 M
MARKS HIS QUARRY WITH TARGETS
MADE OF HIS CHI THAT OBJECTS ALSO
INFUSED WITH HIS CHI WILL,
WITHOUT FAIL, ZERO IN ON.







SEE? NOT AS
EASY AS YOU
THOUGHT!

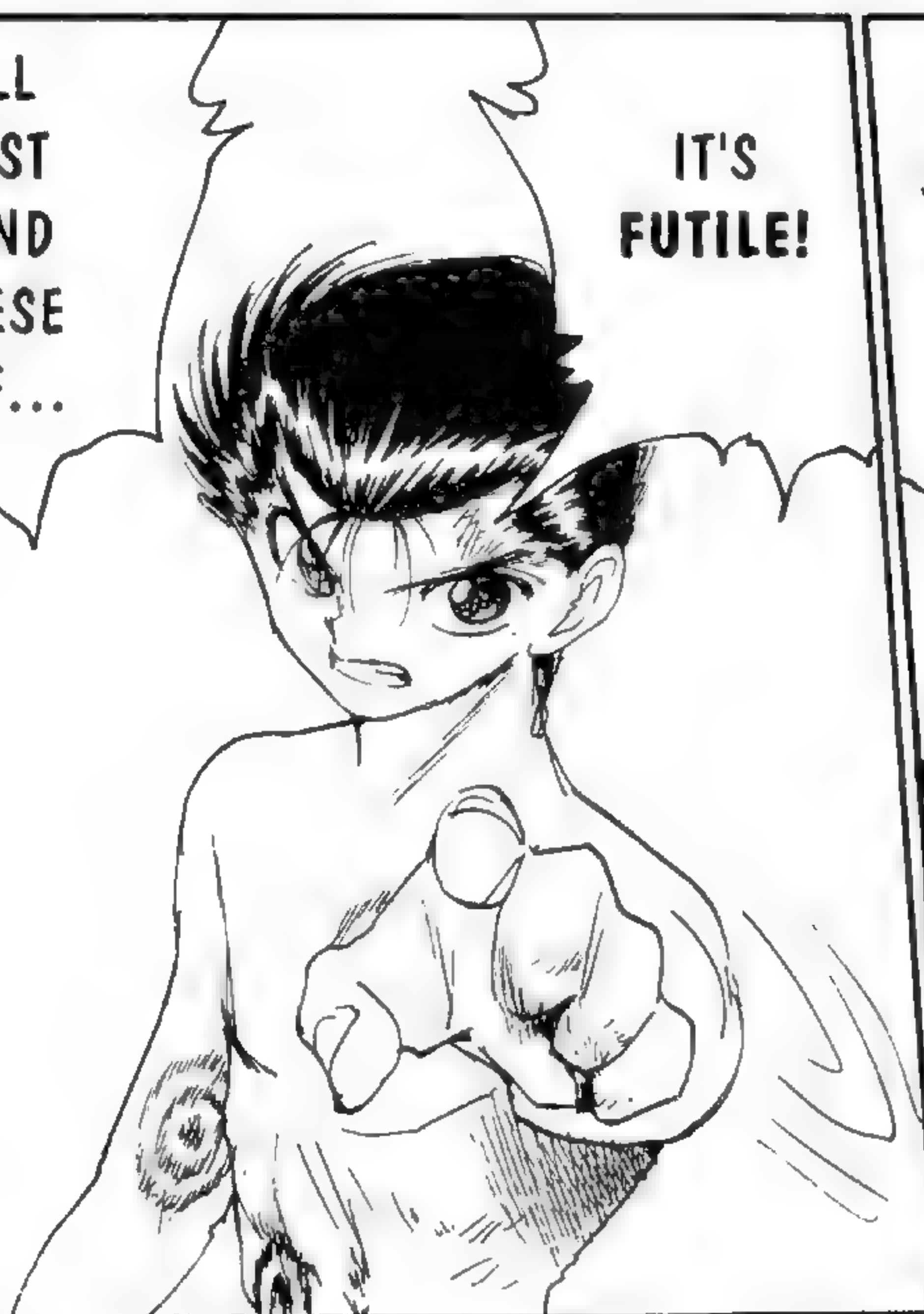


I'LL
JUST
FEND
THESE
OFF...

IT'S
FUTILE!

SECOND
SALVO,
EH?

Shoom



Glint



HM?

HOLY
MACKEREL!
HE PICKS
SOME FIERCE
AMMO!

THOSE...
AREN'T
ROCKS.





AND THERE'S
SO MANY!!
ONE HIT WILL
NAIL ME!



KNIVES
INFUSED WITH
HIS CHI!!



GOTTA
DO A—



NO WAY I
CAN SWAT
THEM
ALL!!



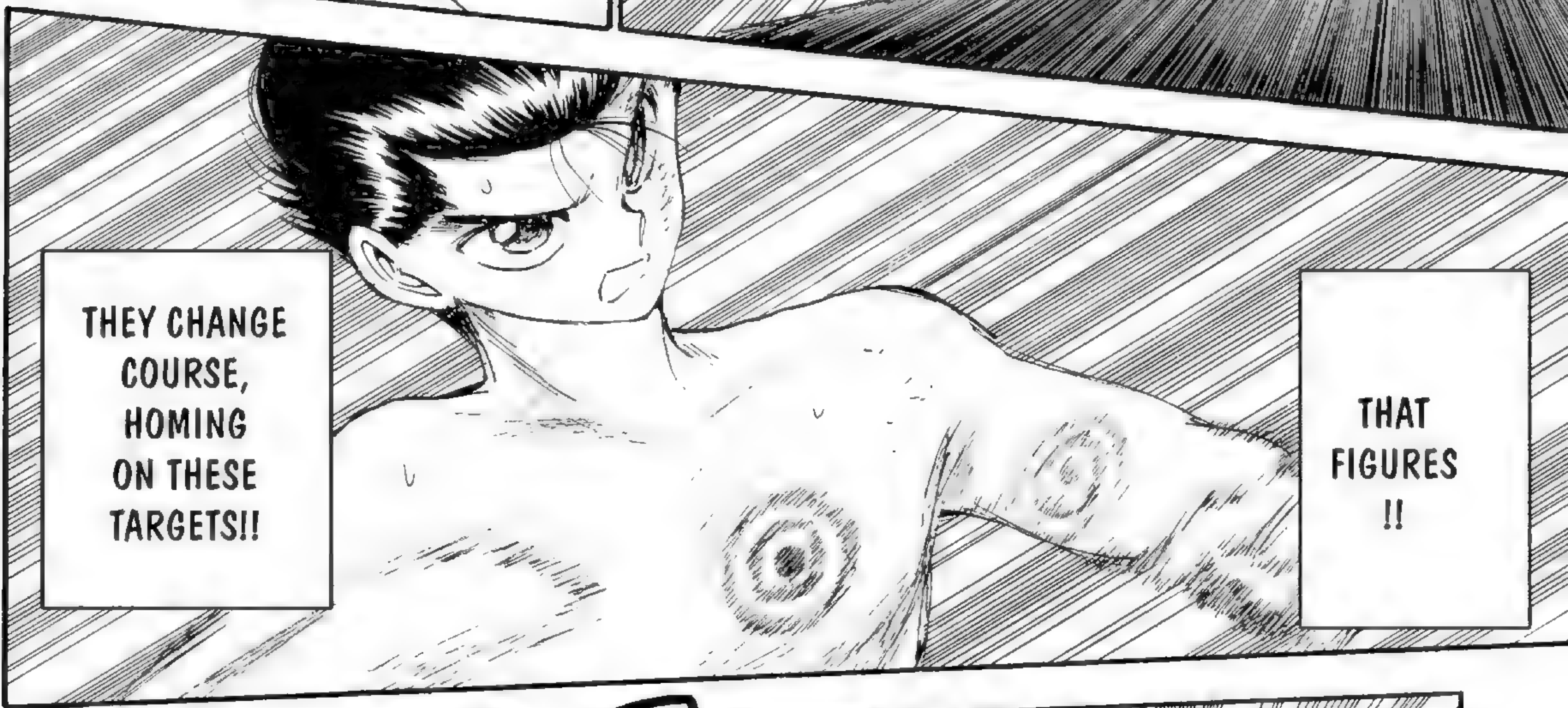
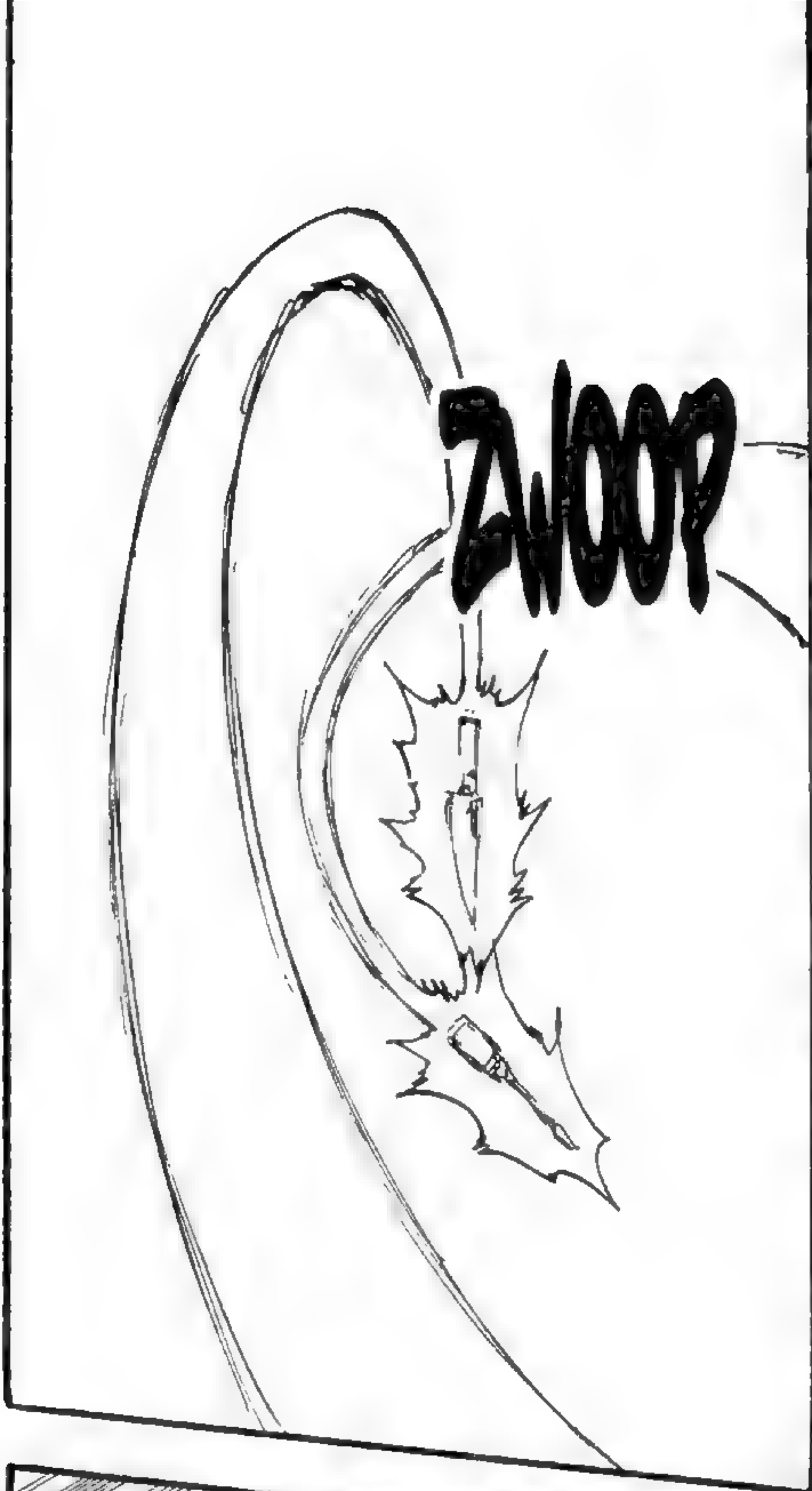
—SHOTGUN!!



I
MISSED
TWO!

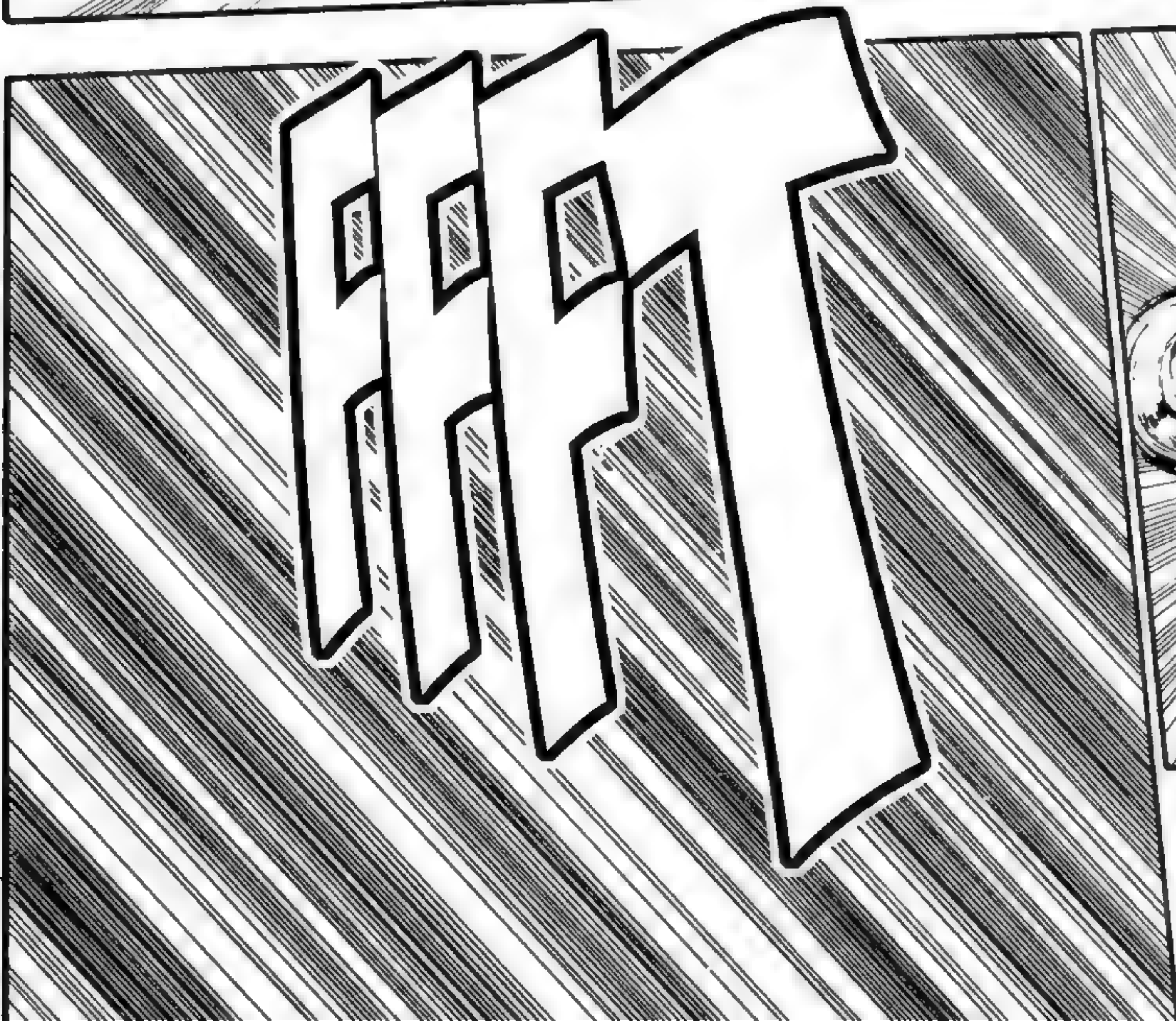
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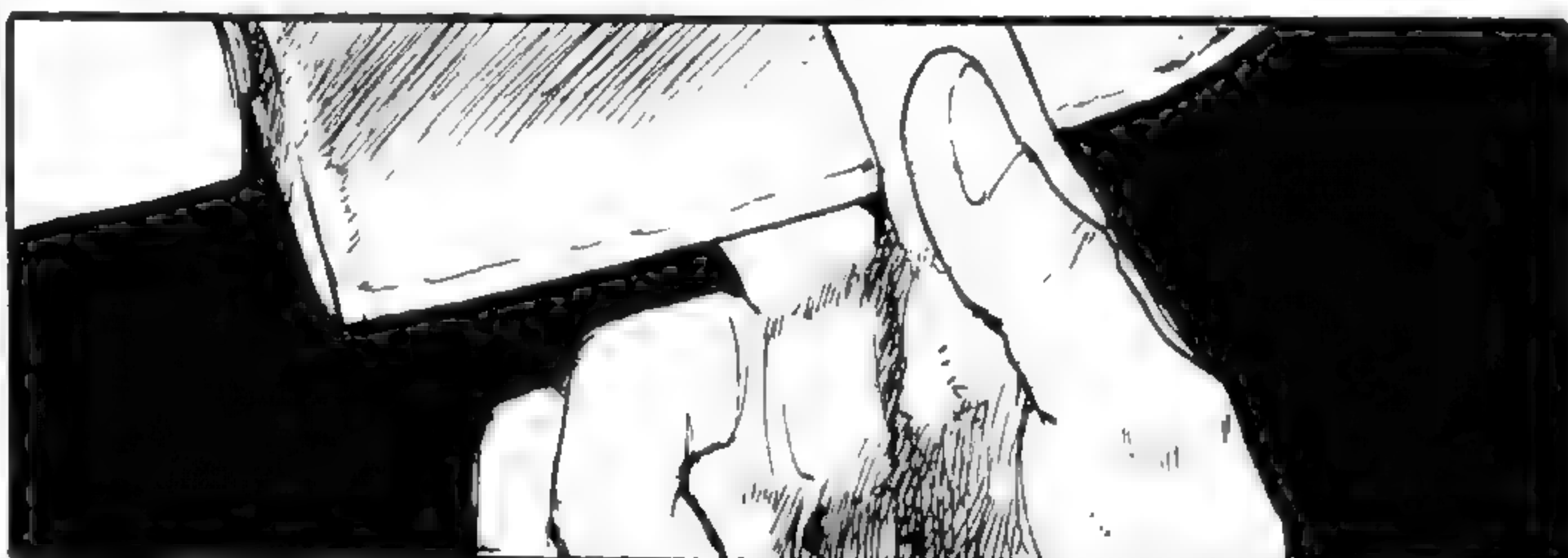
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THEY CHANGE
COURSE,
HOMING
ON THESE
TARGETS!!

THAT
FIGURES
!!





DUNNO WHAT
THAT LIMIT IS,
BUT I CAN
DETERMINE THE
DIRECTION OF
HIS "SHOTS"...

...SO I SHOULD
BE ABLE TO
COUNTER-
ATTACK
EVENTUALLY!!

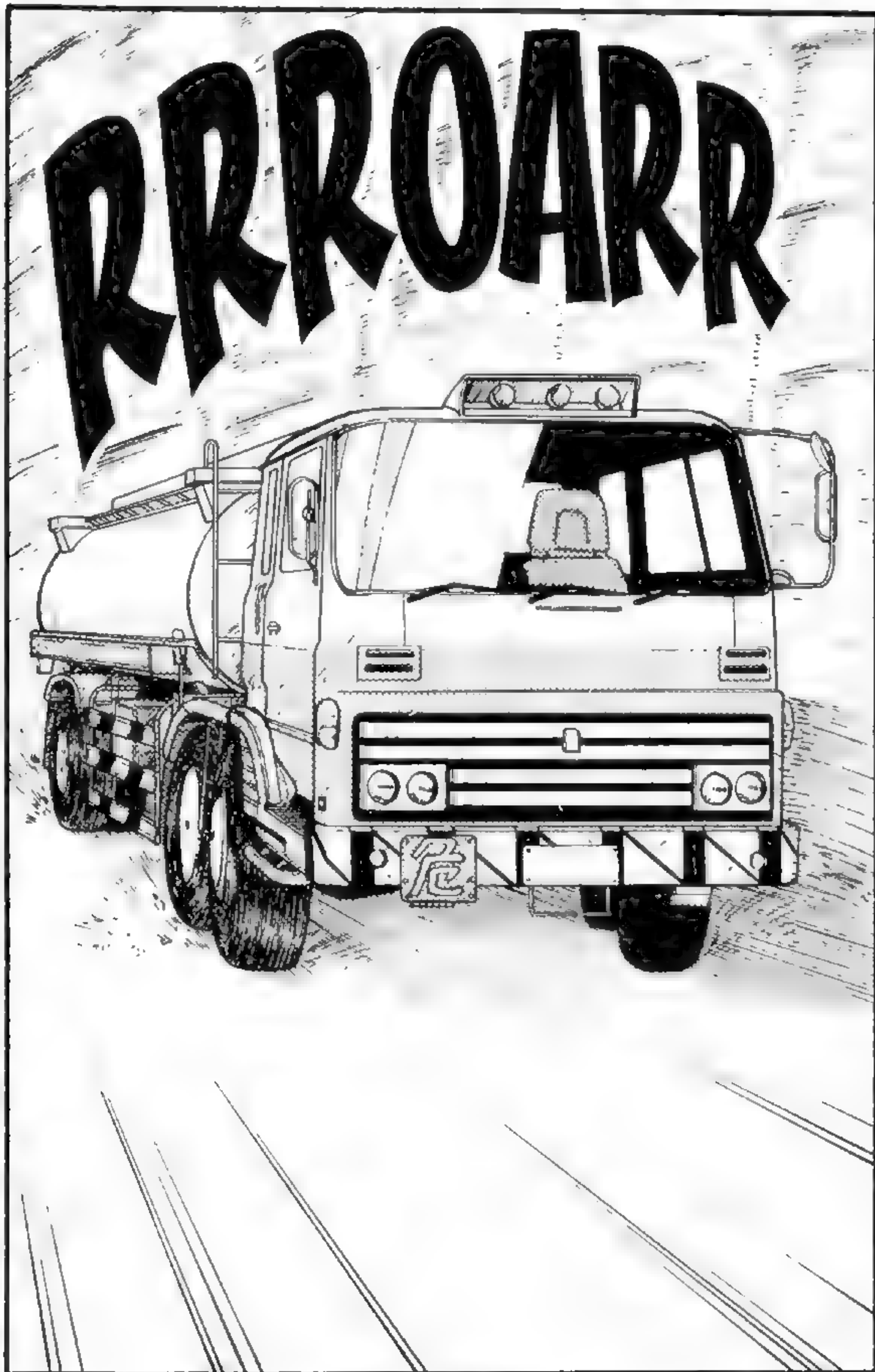
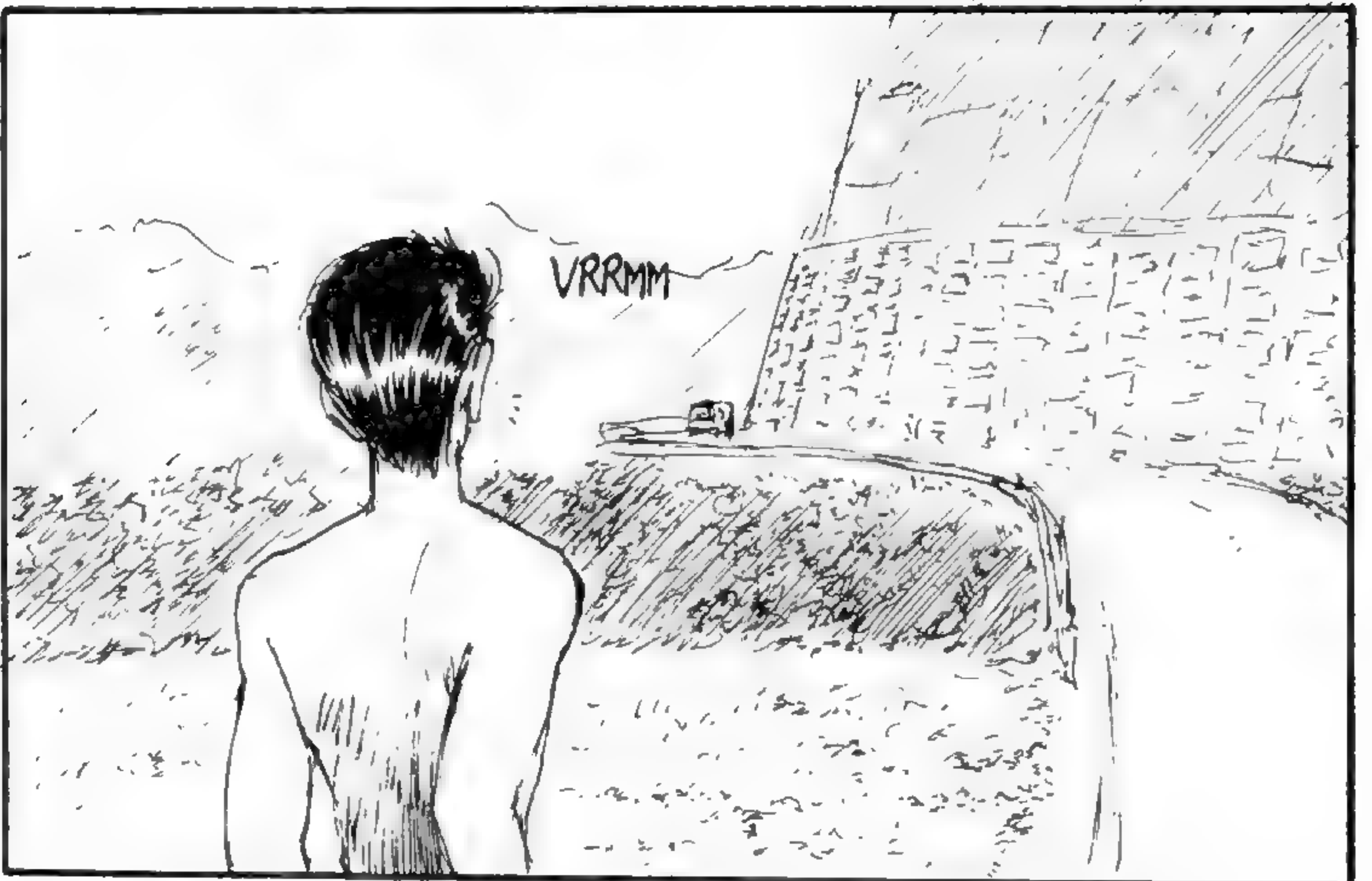
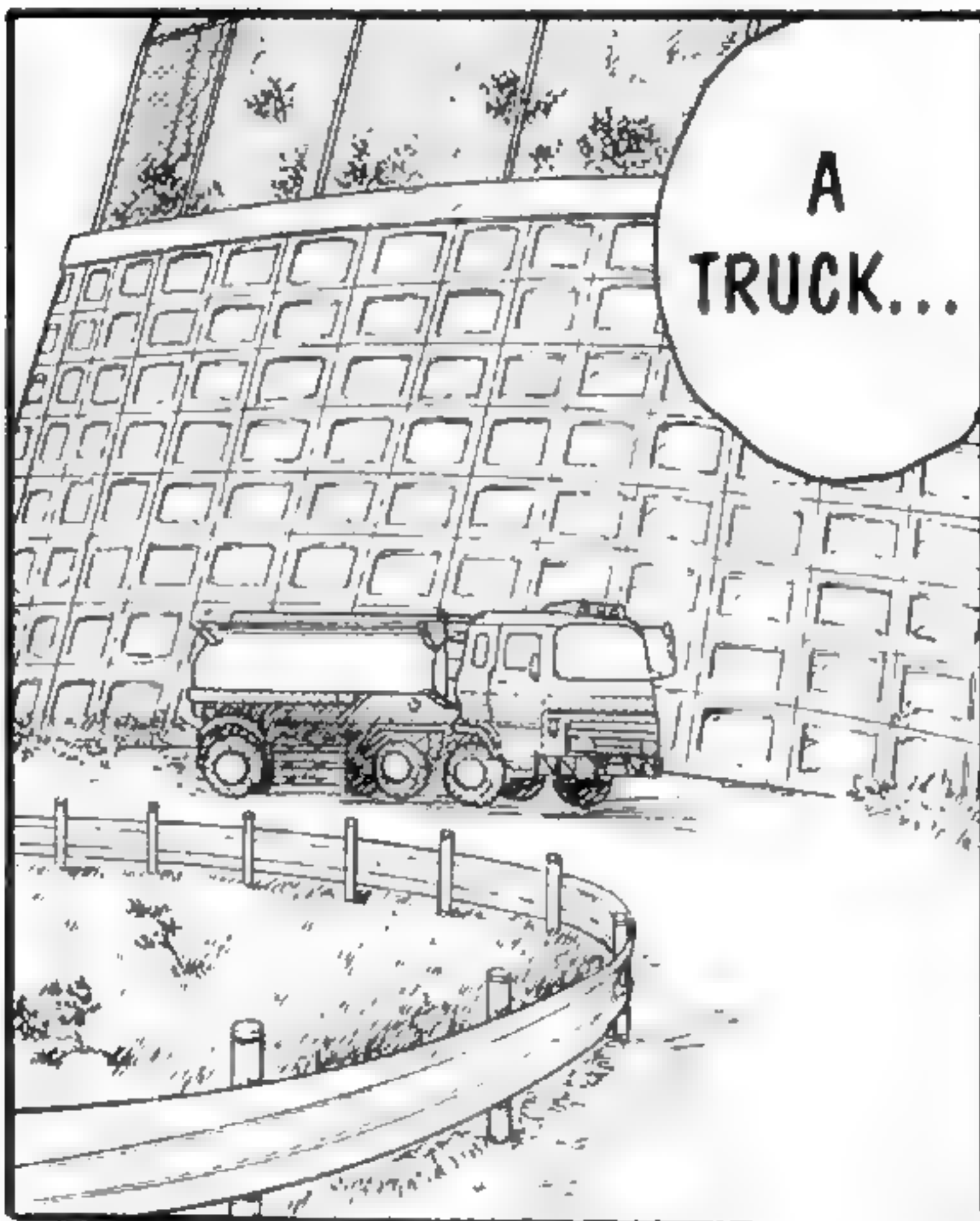
HE'LL ATTACK ME
AGAIN AND AGAIN
FROM A SAFE
DISTANCE AND
WEAR ME DOWN!

BUT HE CAN'T ATTACK
FROM BEYOND THE
LIMIT OF HIS
TERRITORY, OR THE
TARGETS WON'T
WORK!

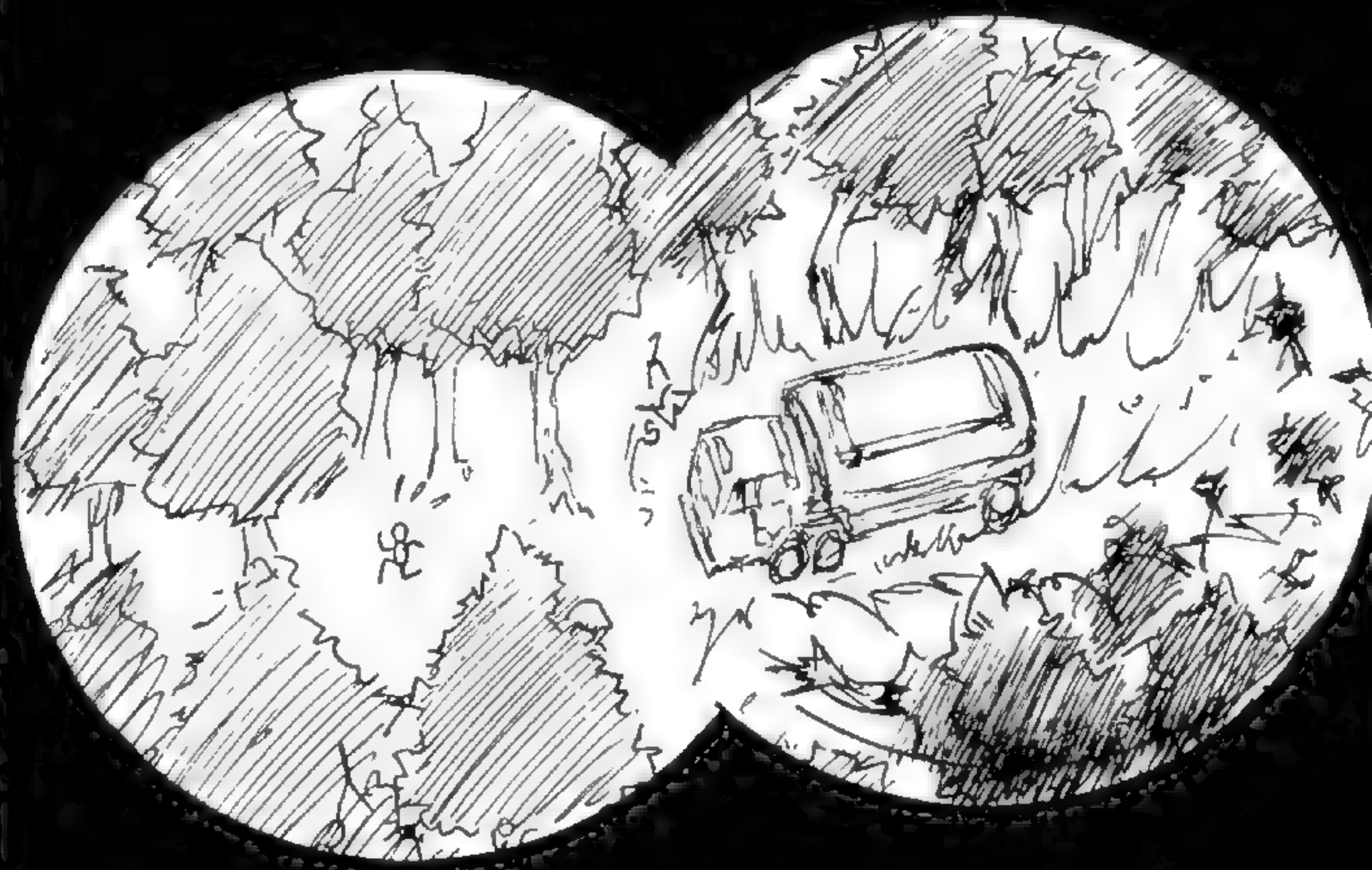
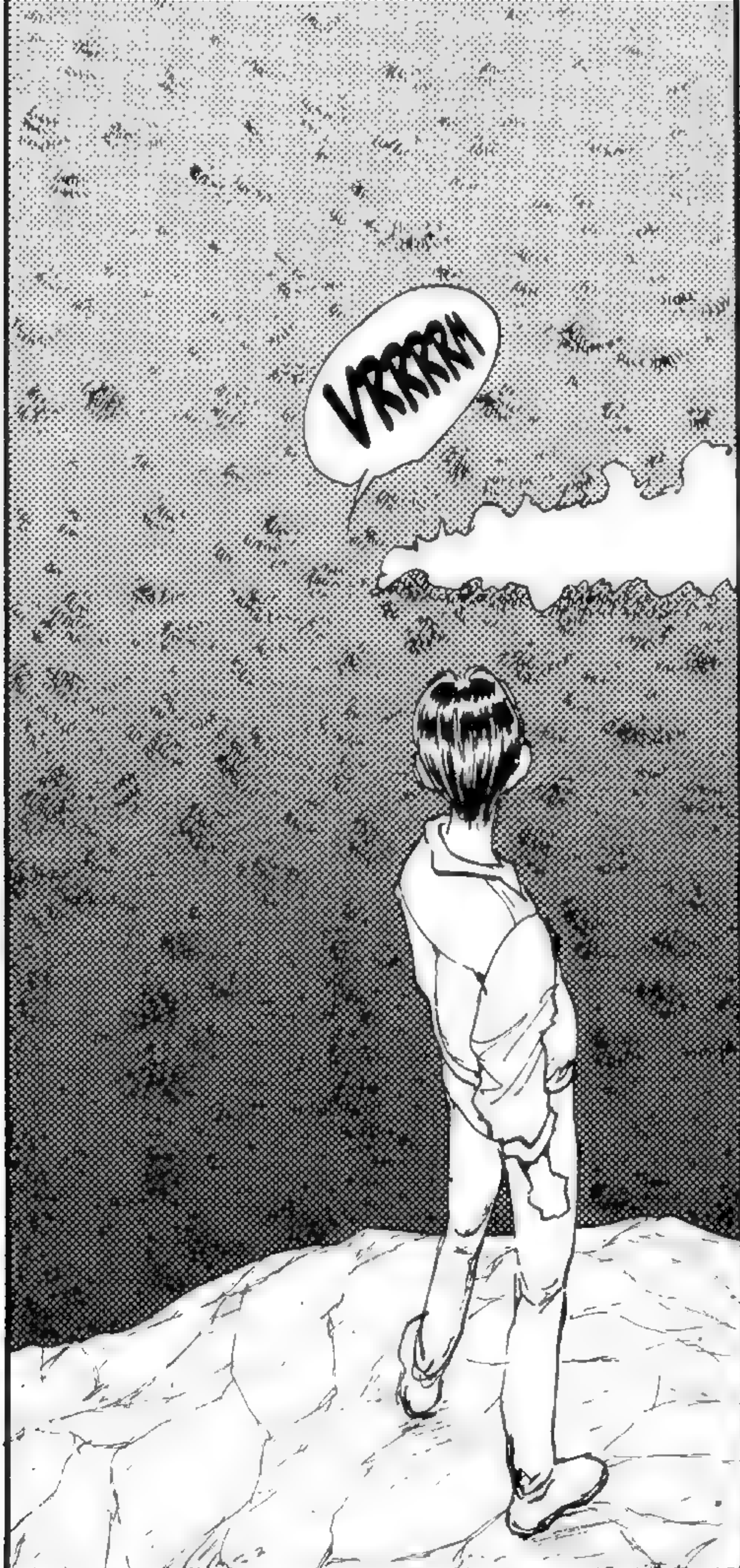
HE AIMS TO
KEEP ME
JUMPING!

Man!

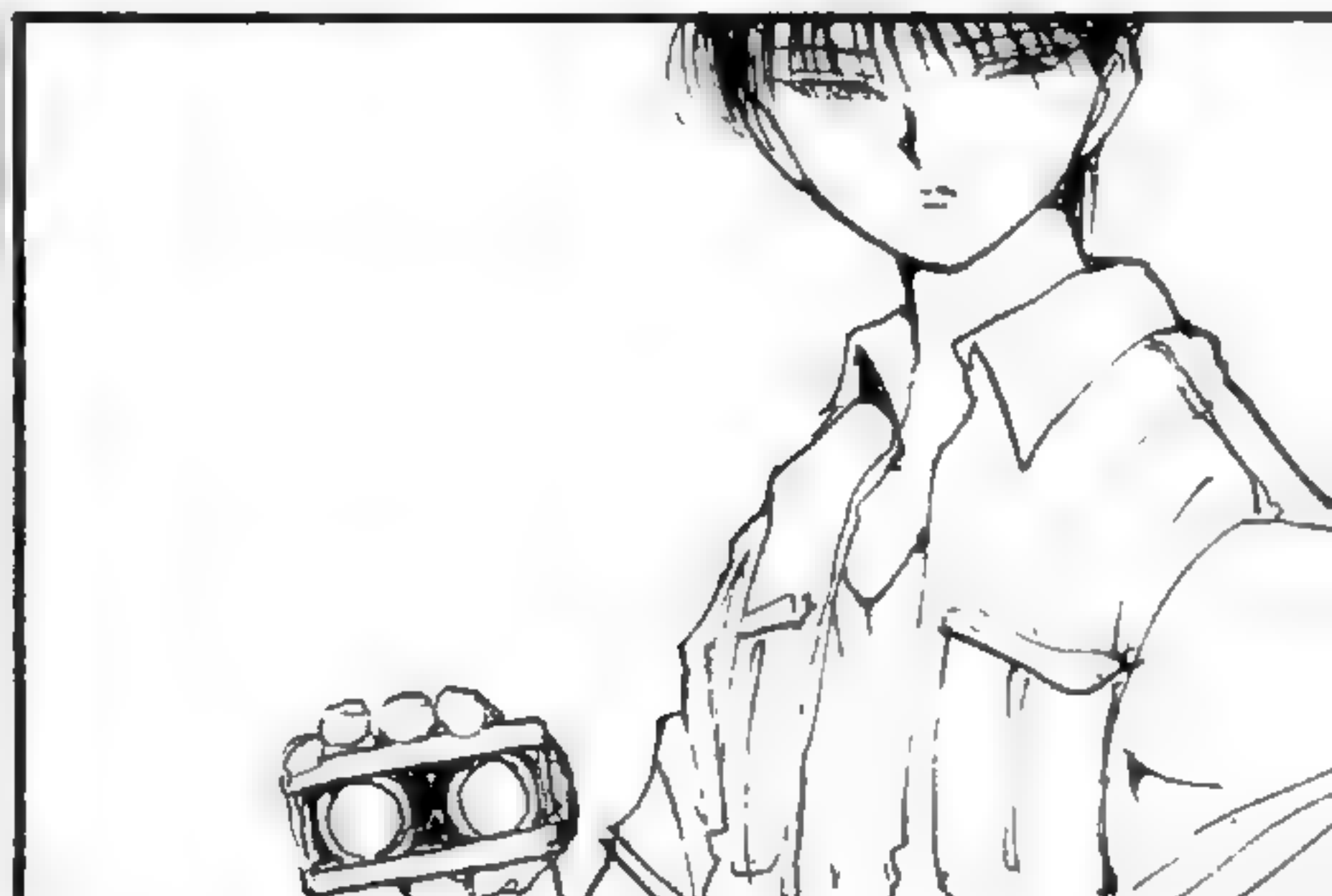








MAYBE I
OVERDID IT.
THAT TRUCK TOOK
A LOT OF CHI...



SO OKAY, NO MORE
FUN AND GAMES. I
CAN'T RISK LOSING
MY TERRITORY.



**I'LL BE
SQUASHED
LIKE A
BUG!**

**THIS IS
LOONY
!!**

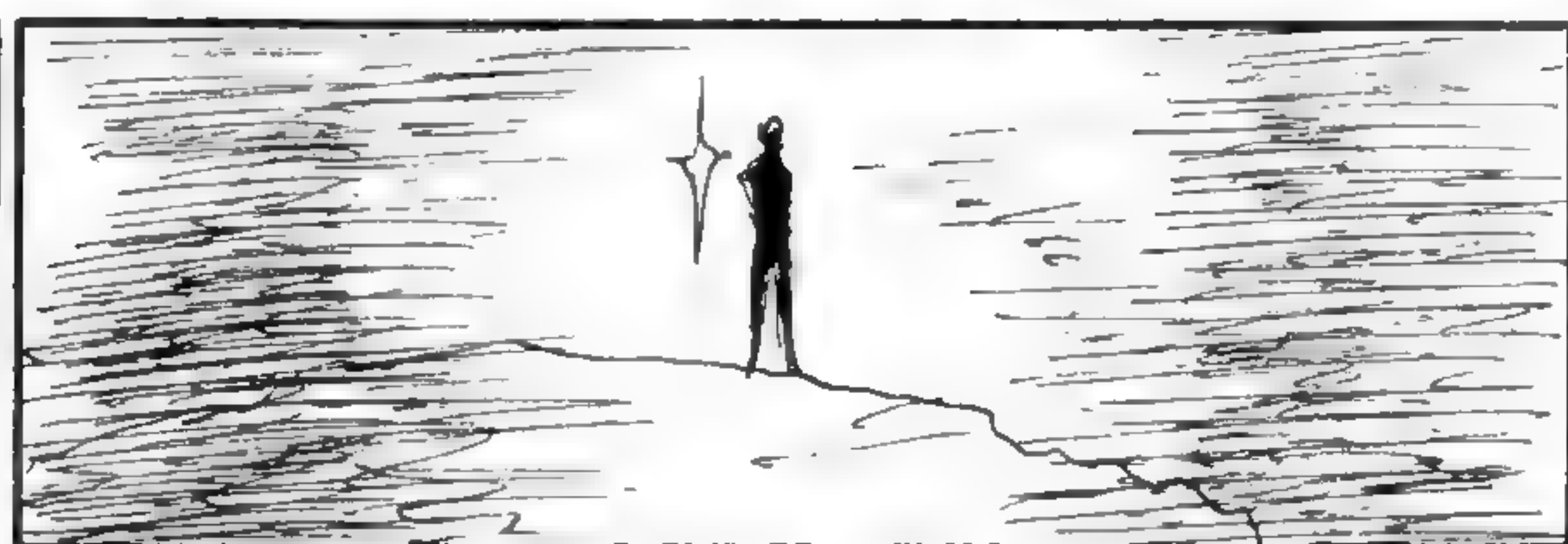


**Glint
!**



**GOTTA GET
OUTSIDE HIS
TERRITORY—
!!**

**AND THAT
TANKER'S
FULLA GAS, SO
MY REIGUN'S
USELESS!**



**SO, HE
MEANS...**

**...TO
FINISH ME
NOW!**



BTAM









THE BEST IS
YET TO COME.

IT'S NOT YOUR
TIME TO DIE.


WHUH...
HIEI?

SIZZ


SIZZ

...ROTTEN BLOOD
AND FLESH FROM
THE DEMON
PLANE. MAKES ME
FEEL NOSTALGIC.

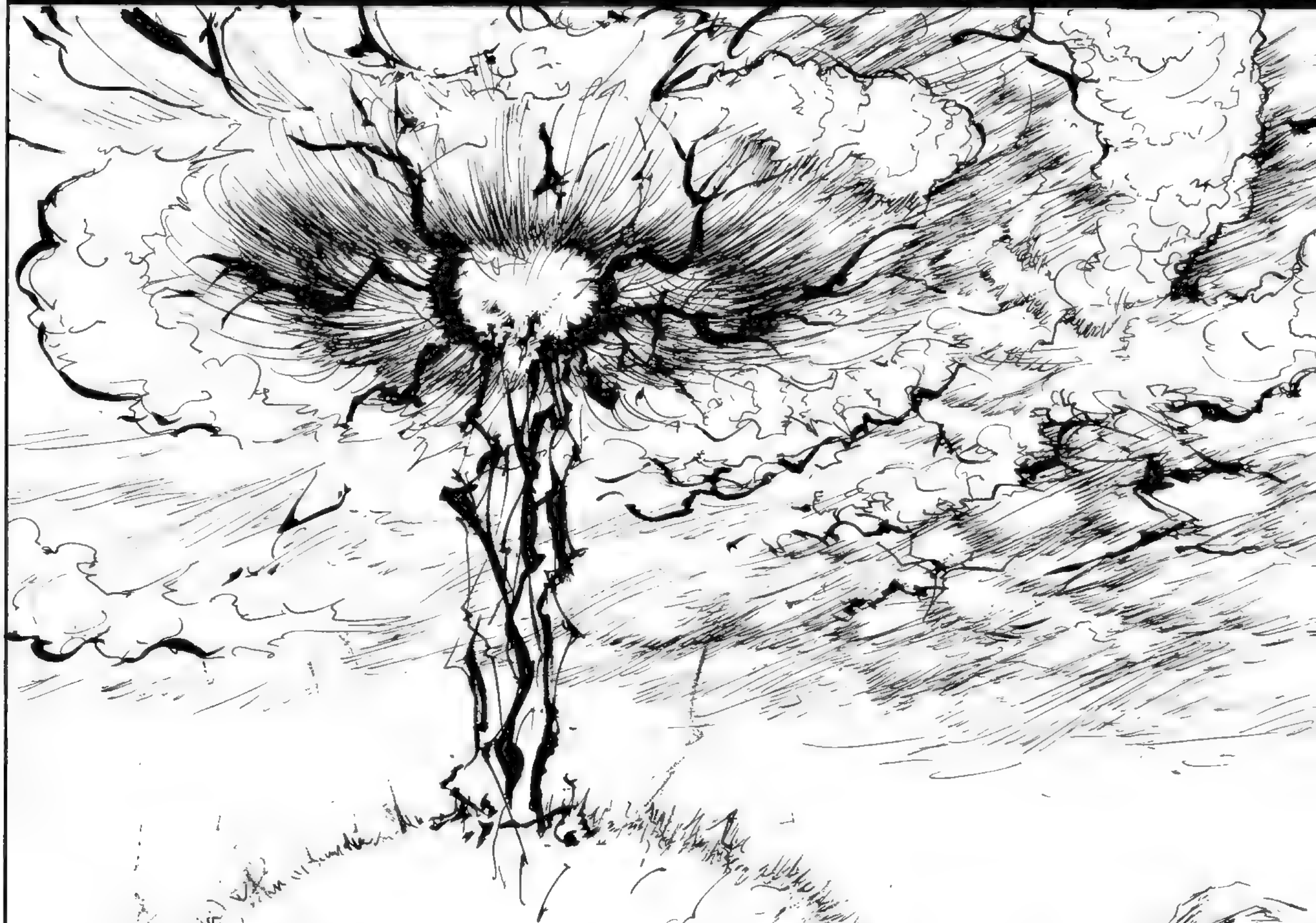
THIS BREEZE
IS SO PLEASANT AND
CALMING, CARRYING
THE SCENT OF...



THE UNDERWORLD
IS GETTING READY
TO ERUPT!



SEE?

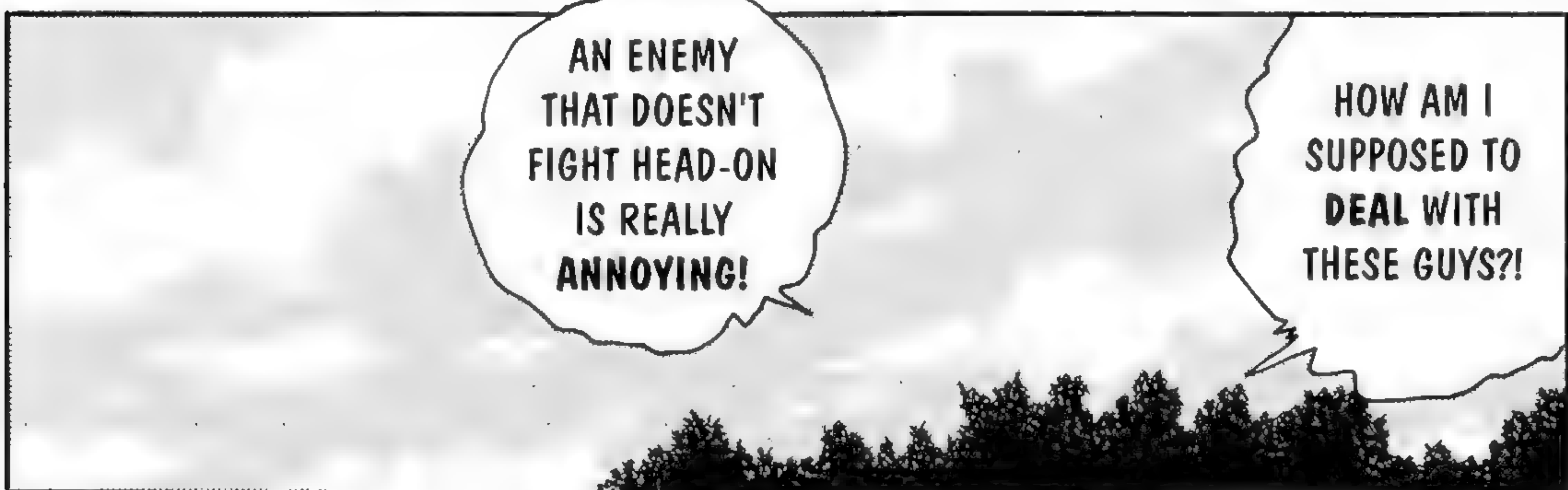
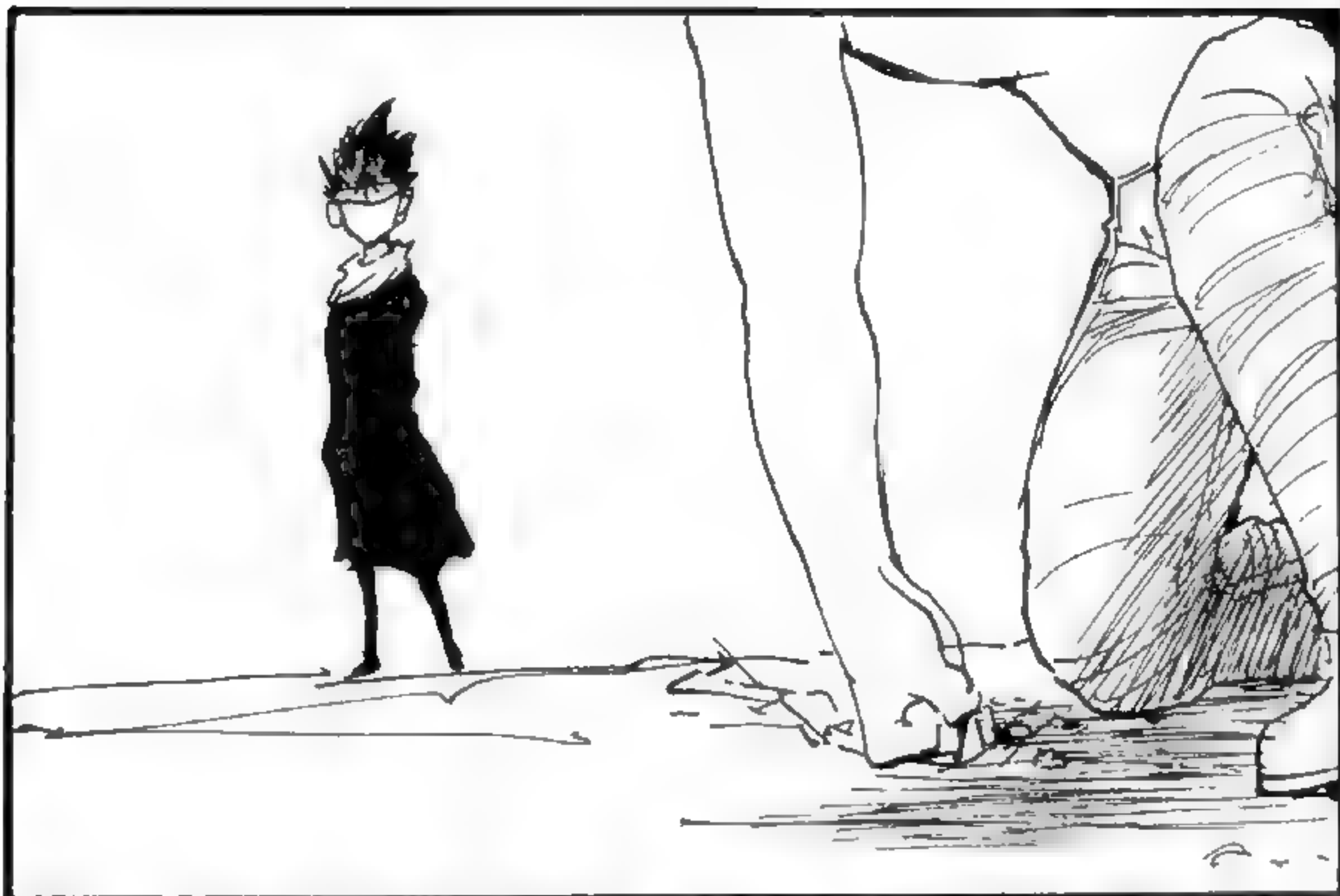


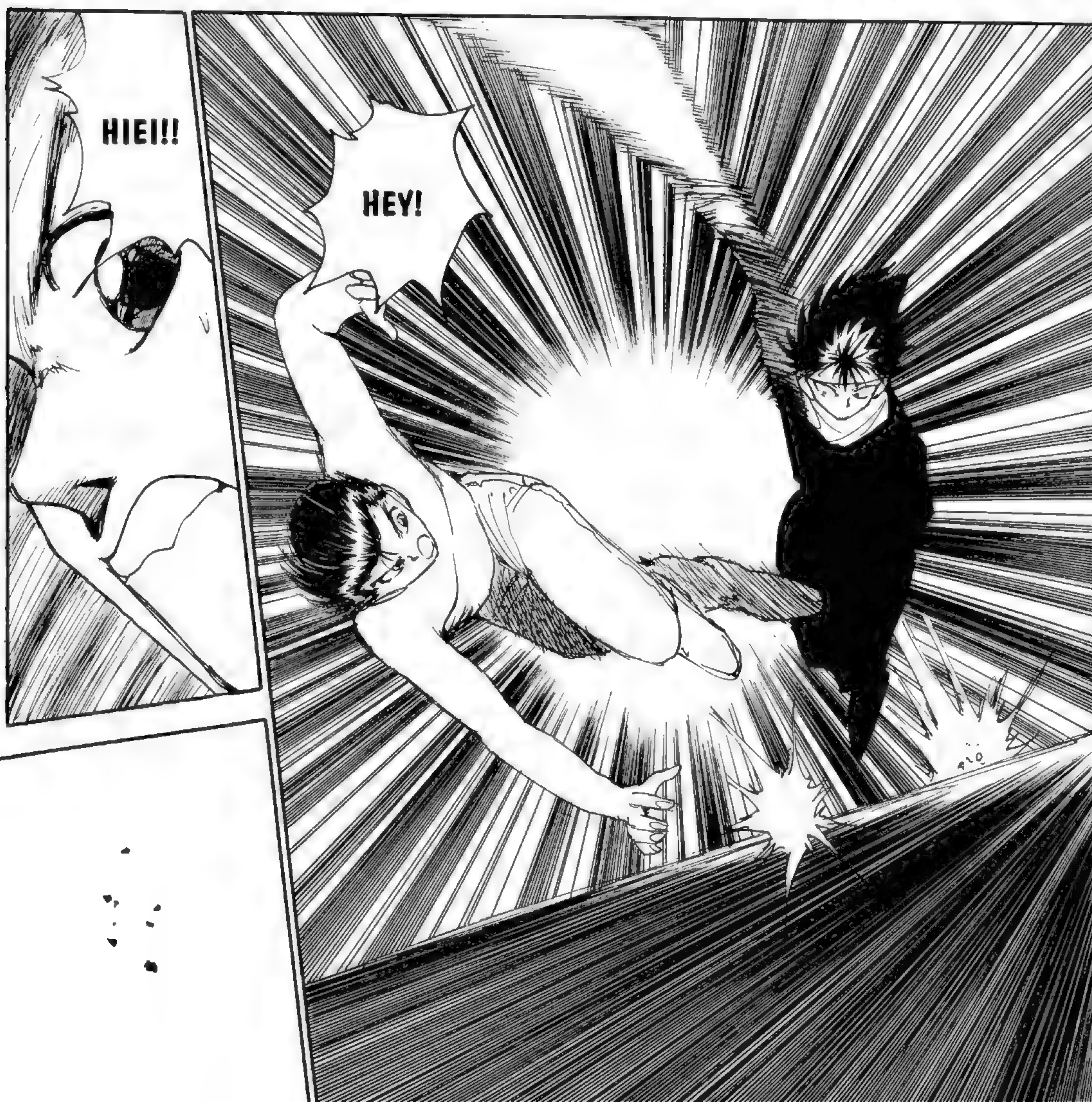
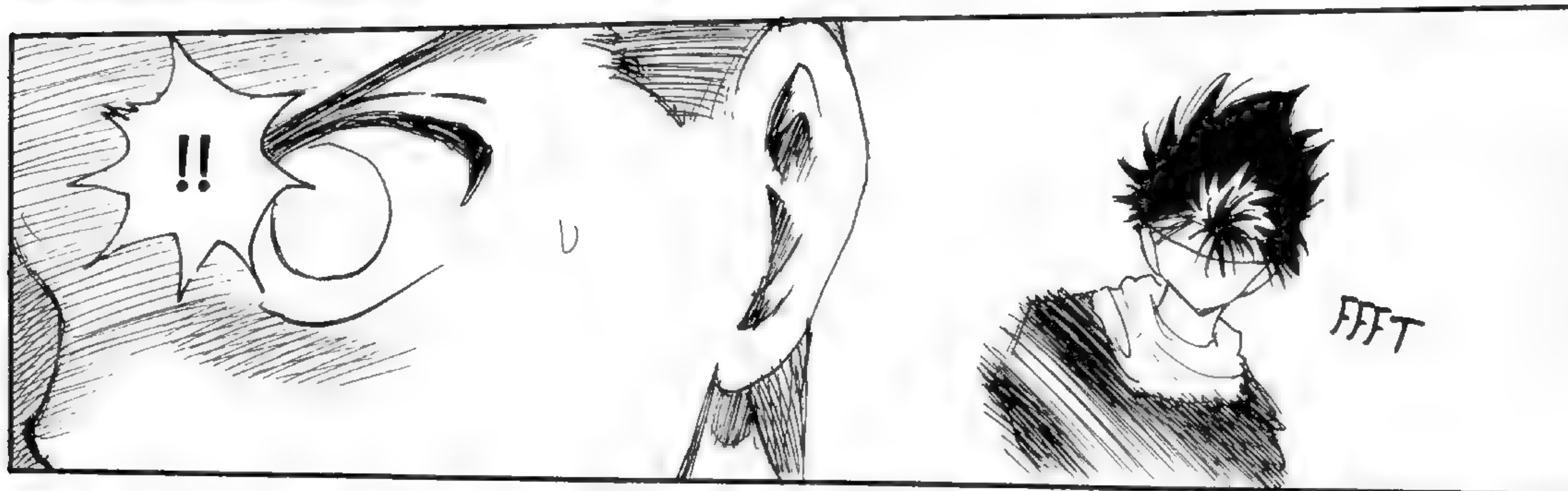
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COOL OFF!!



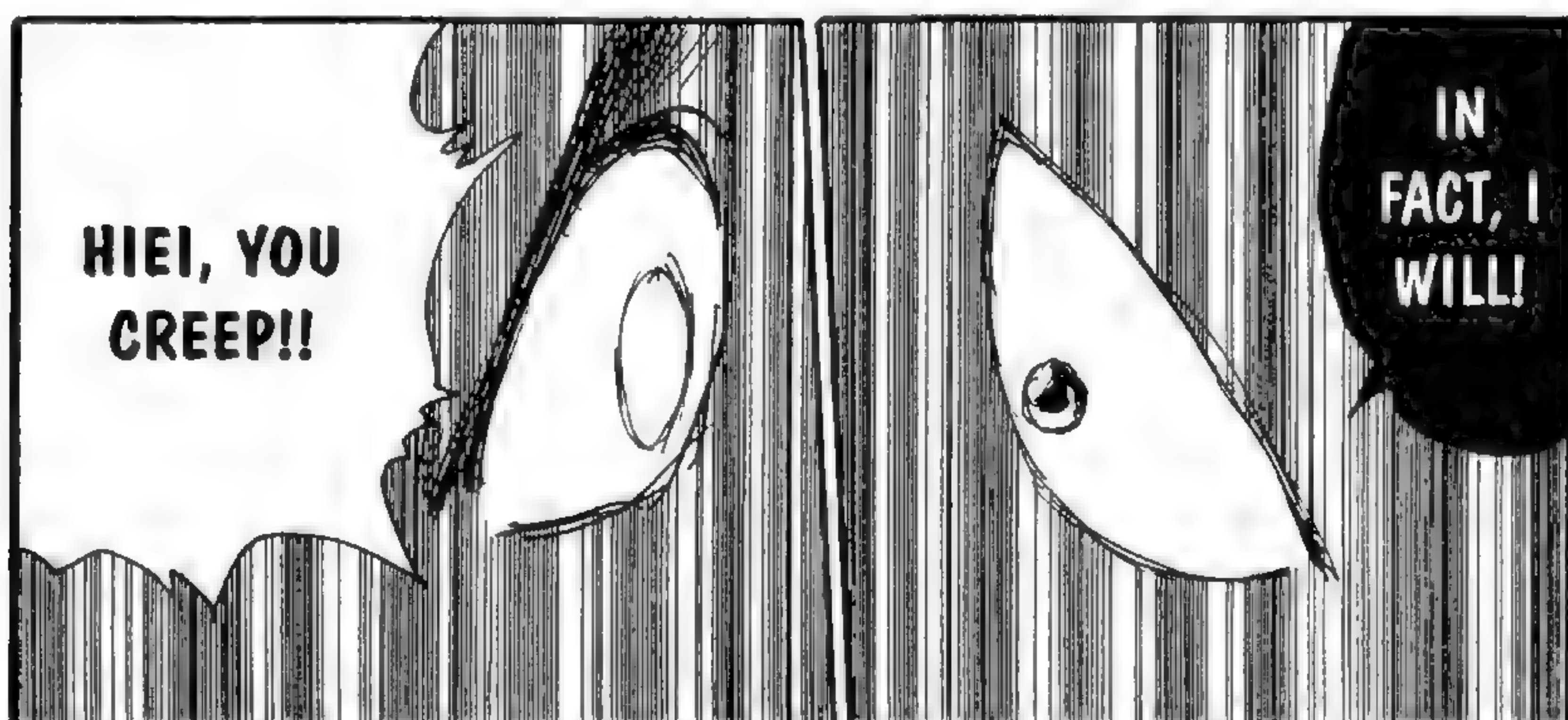






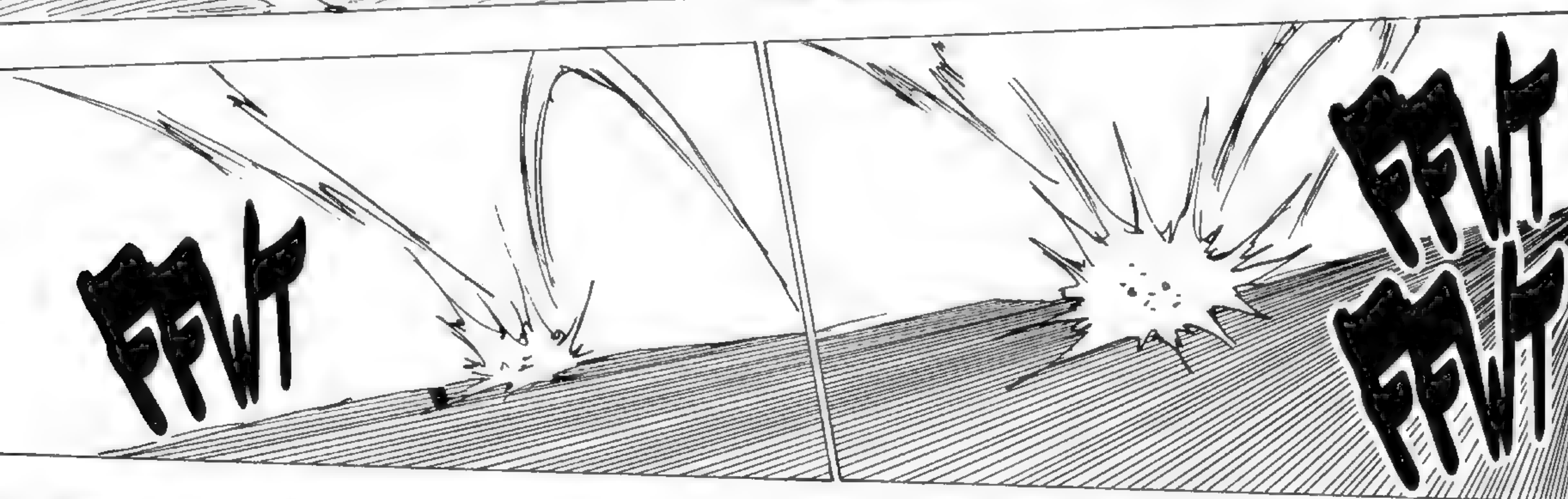
WHAT'S
YOUR
POINT?





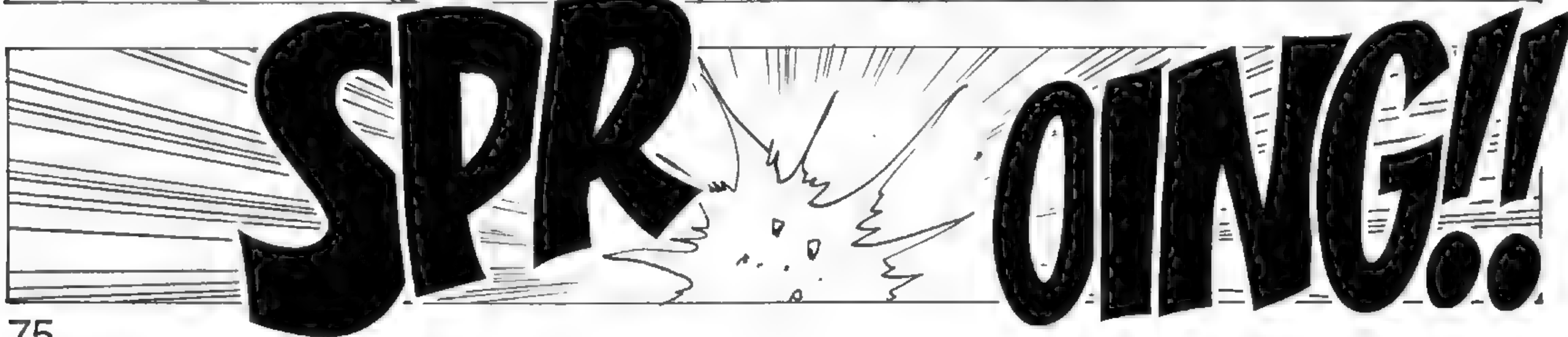
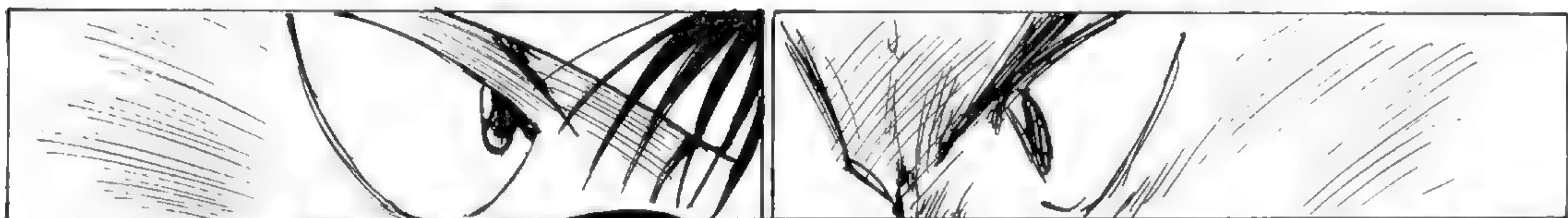


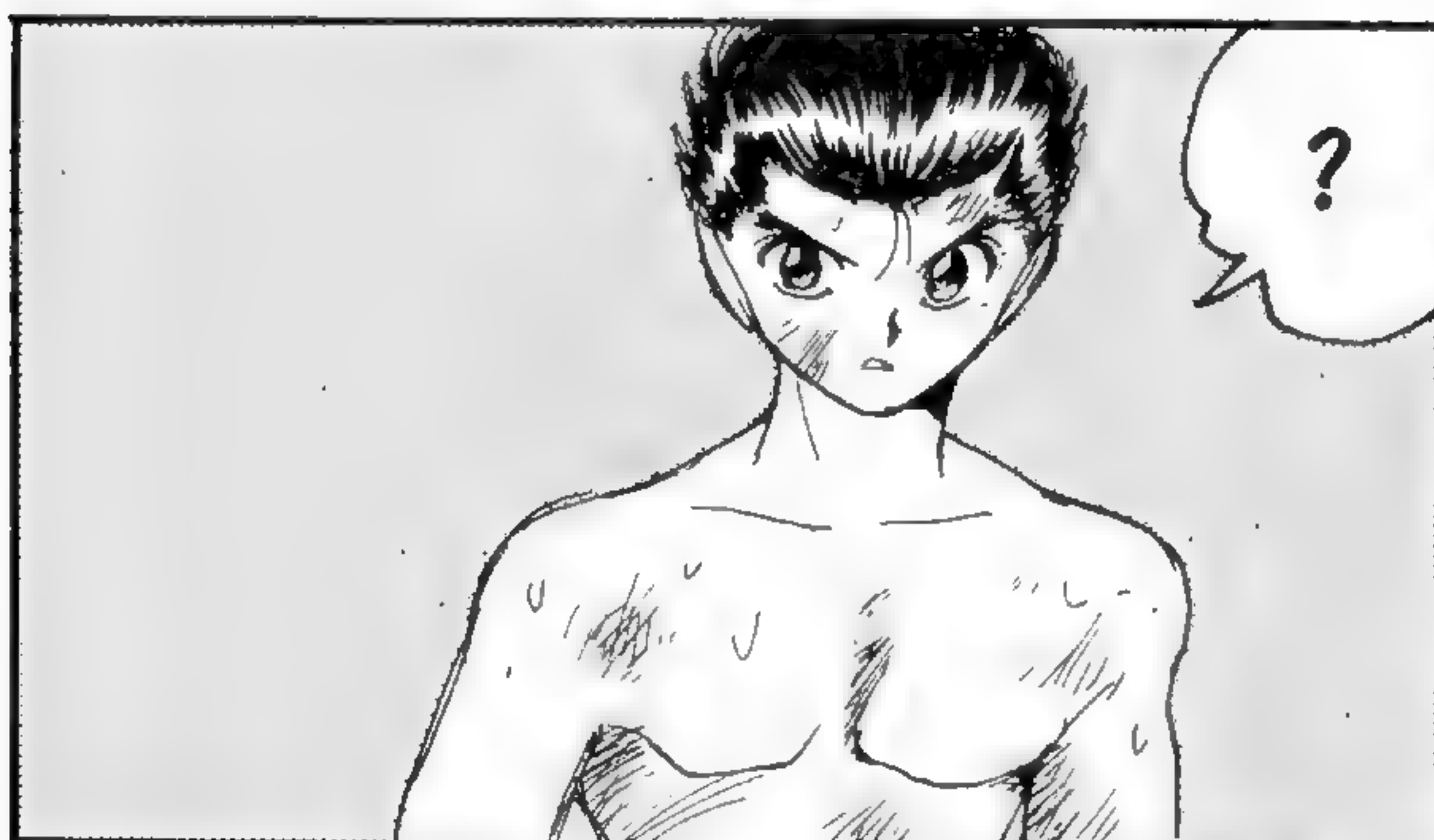
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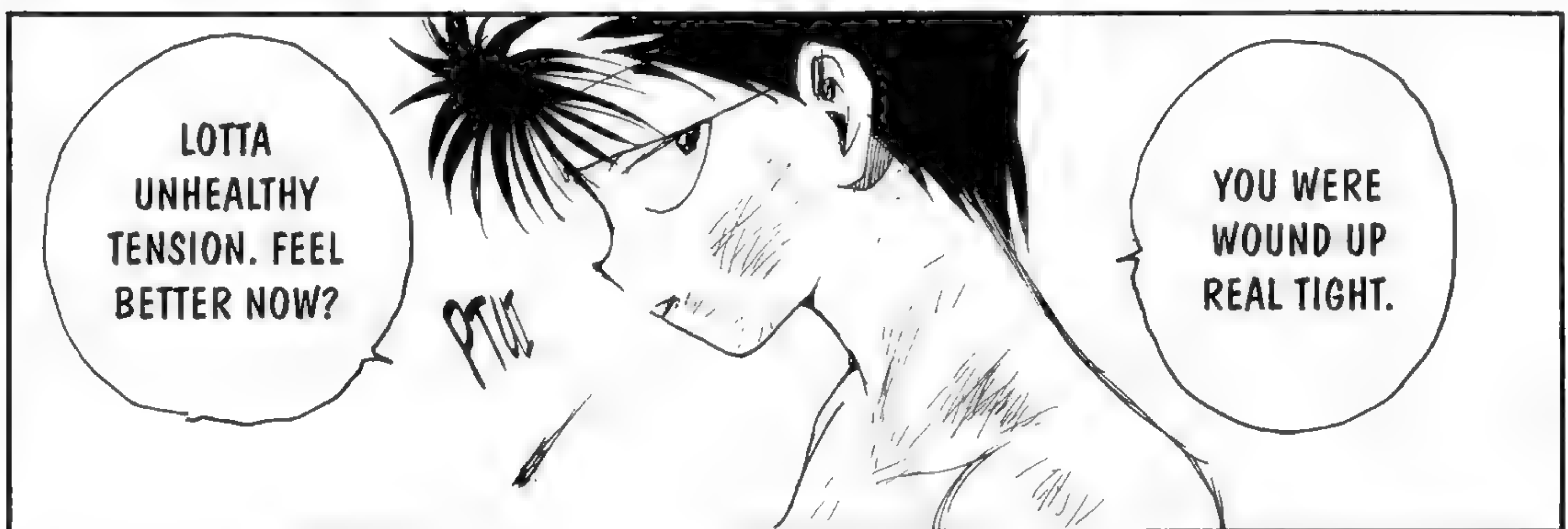
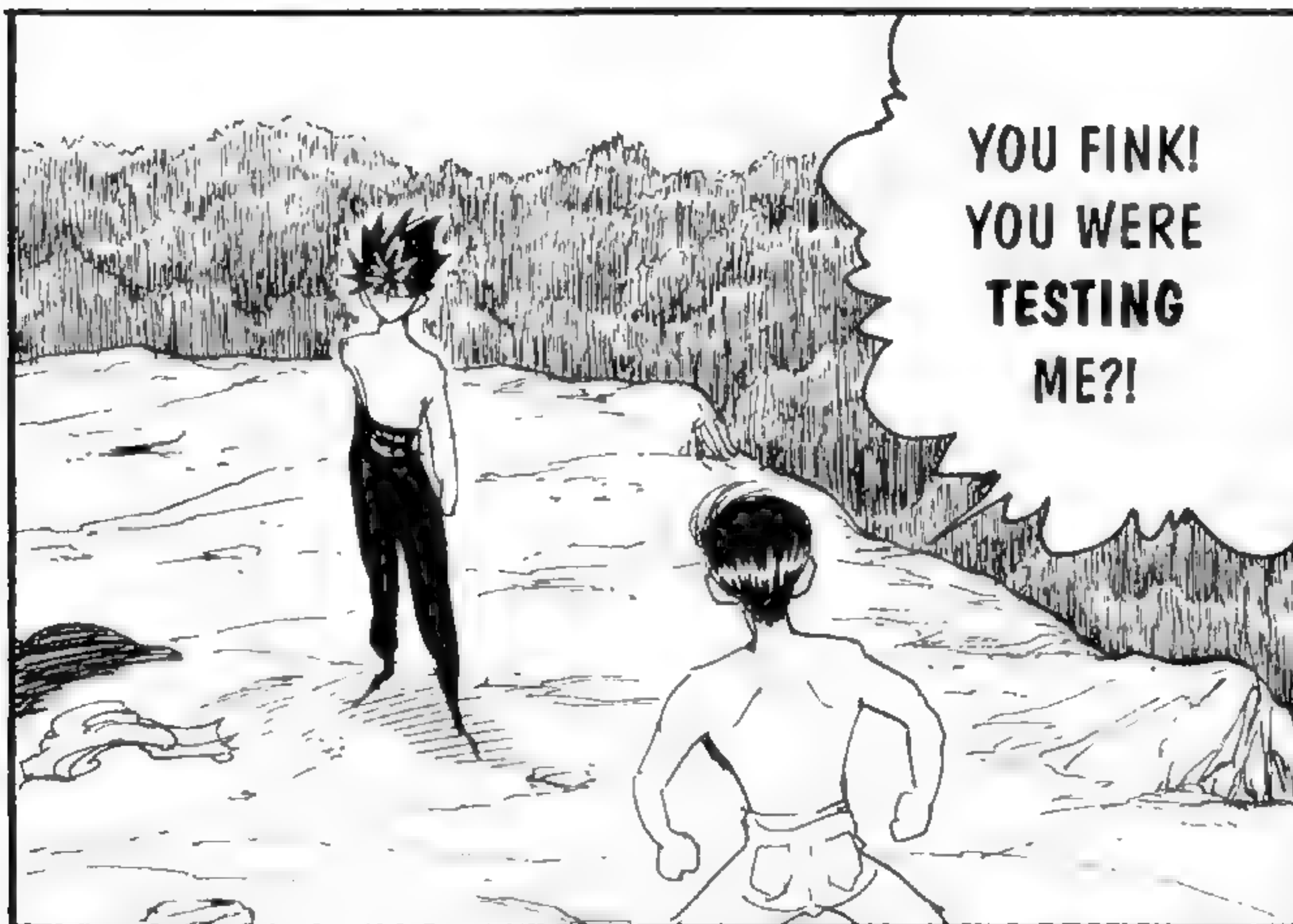




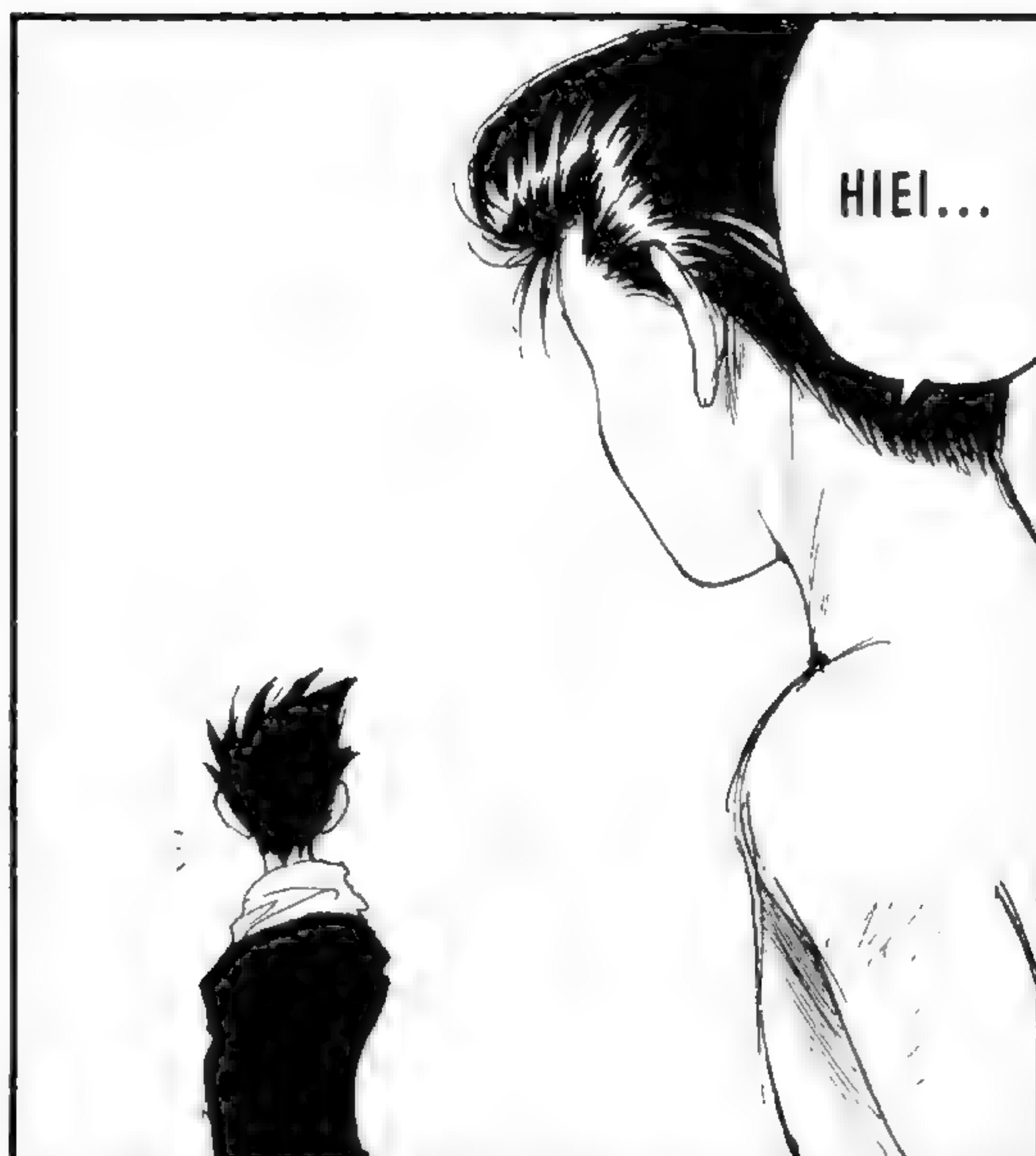
There's about
ten minutes of this,
so please stand by.

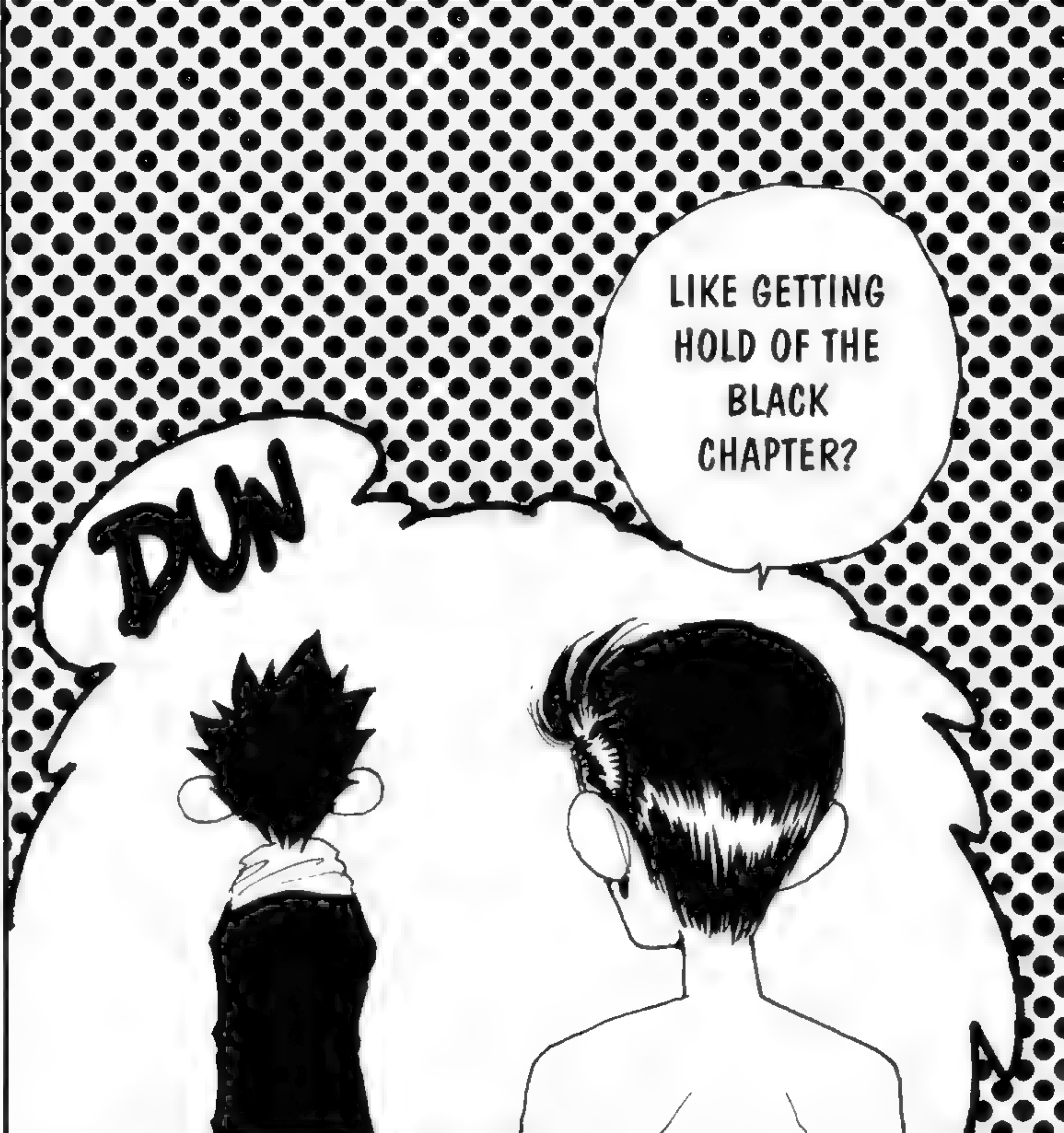












LIKE GETTING
HOLD OF THE
BLACK
CHAPTER?

DUN



NOT THAT
I CARE. I JUST
WANNA TAKE
SENSUI DOWN.

SENSUI
PINCHED IT
FROM THE
UNDERWORLD.



BUT,
AGAIN,
WHAT DO I
CARE?

No one told me
to recover it.

YEAH, I
GUESS.



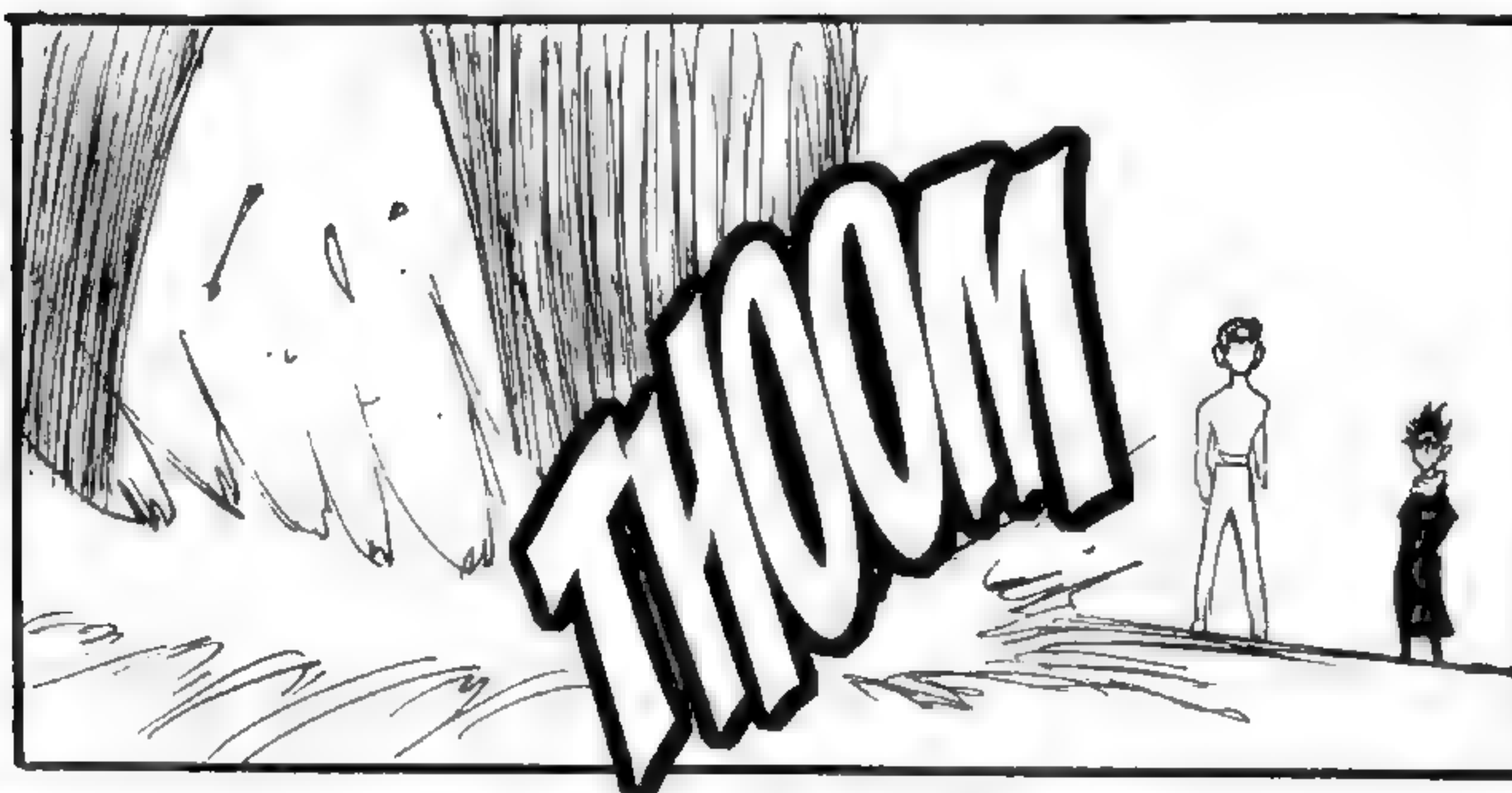
THE
UNDERWORLD

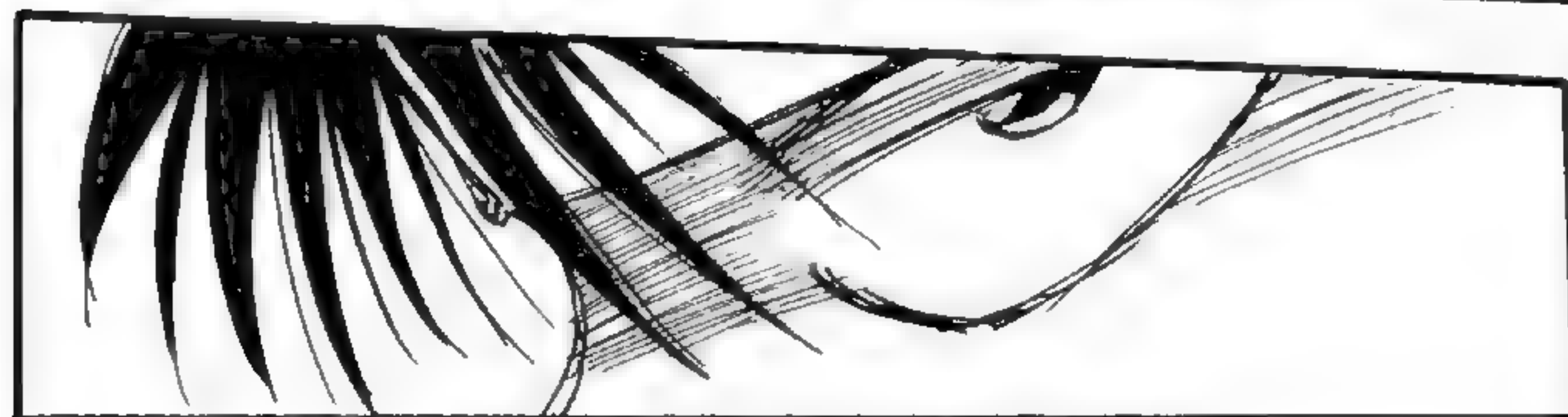
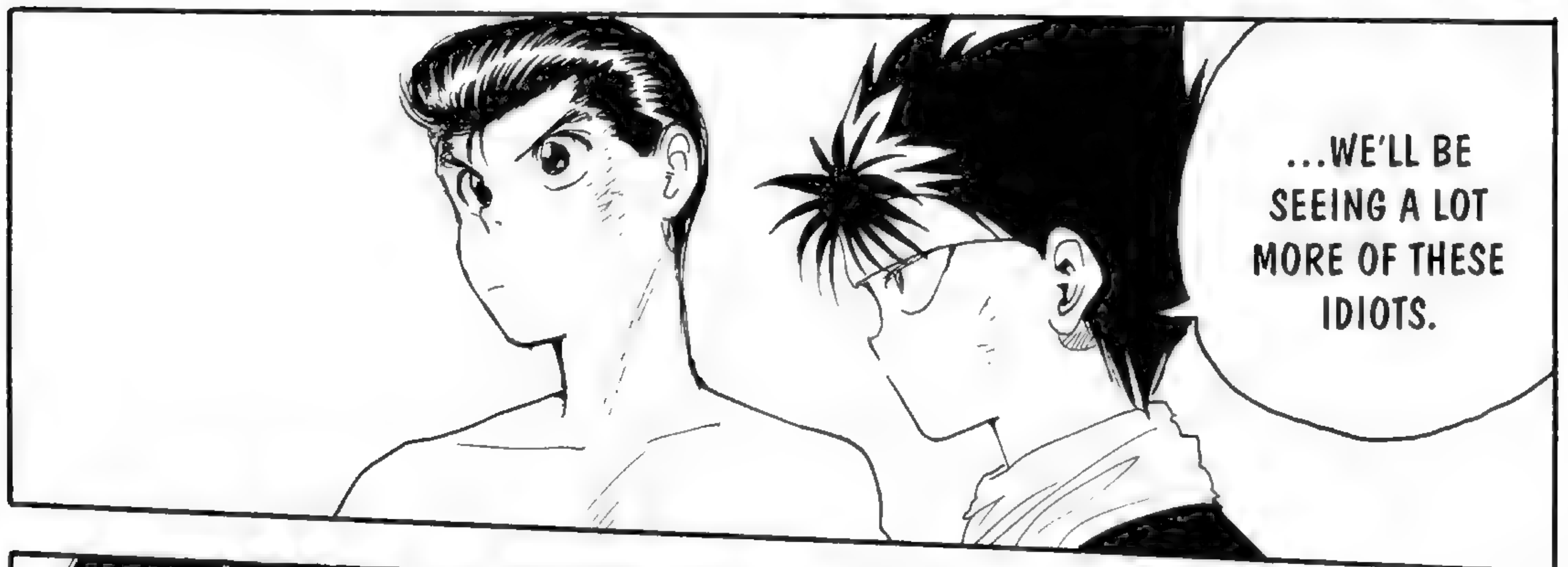
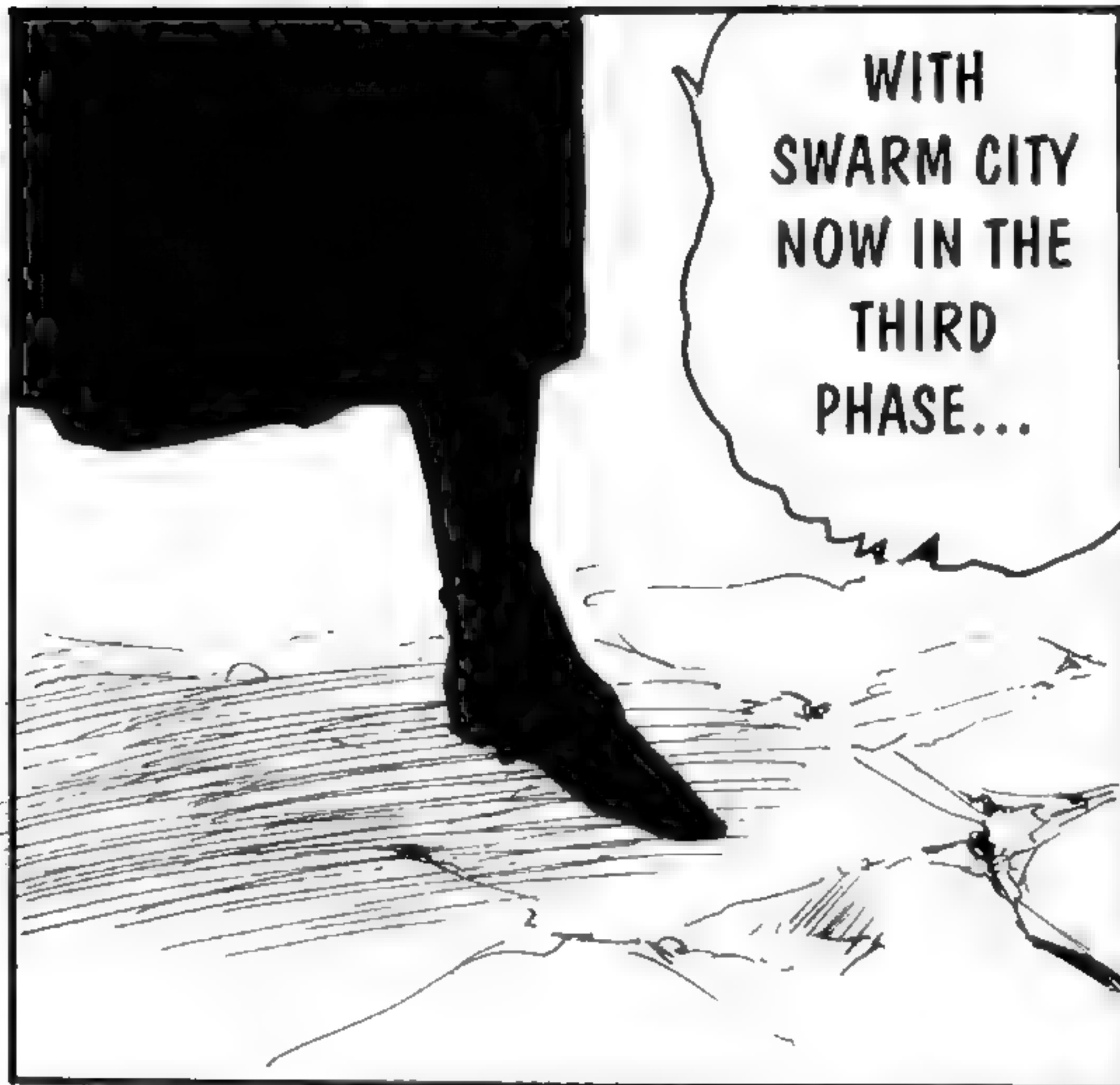
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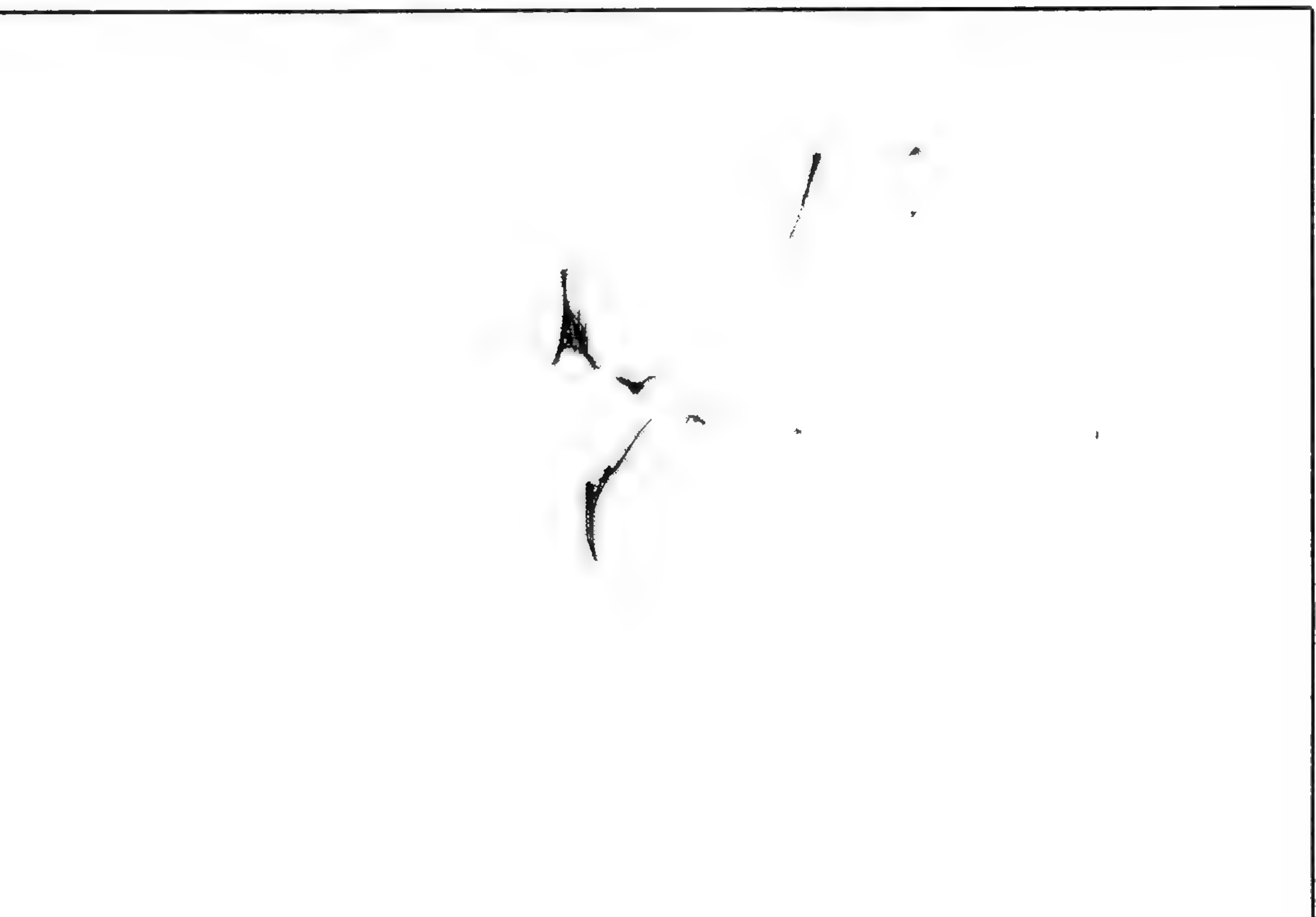
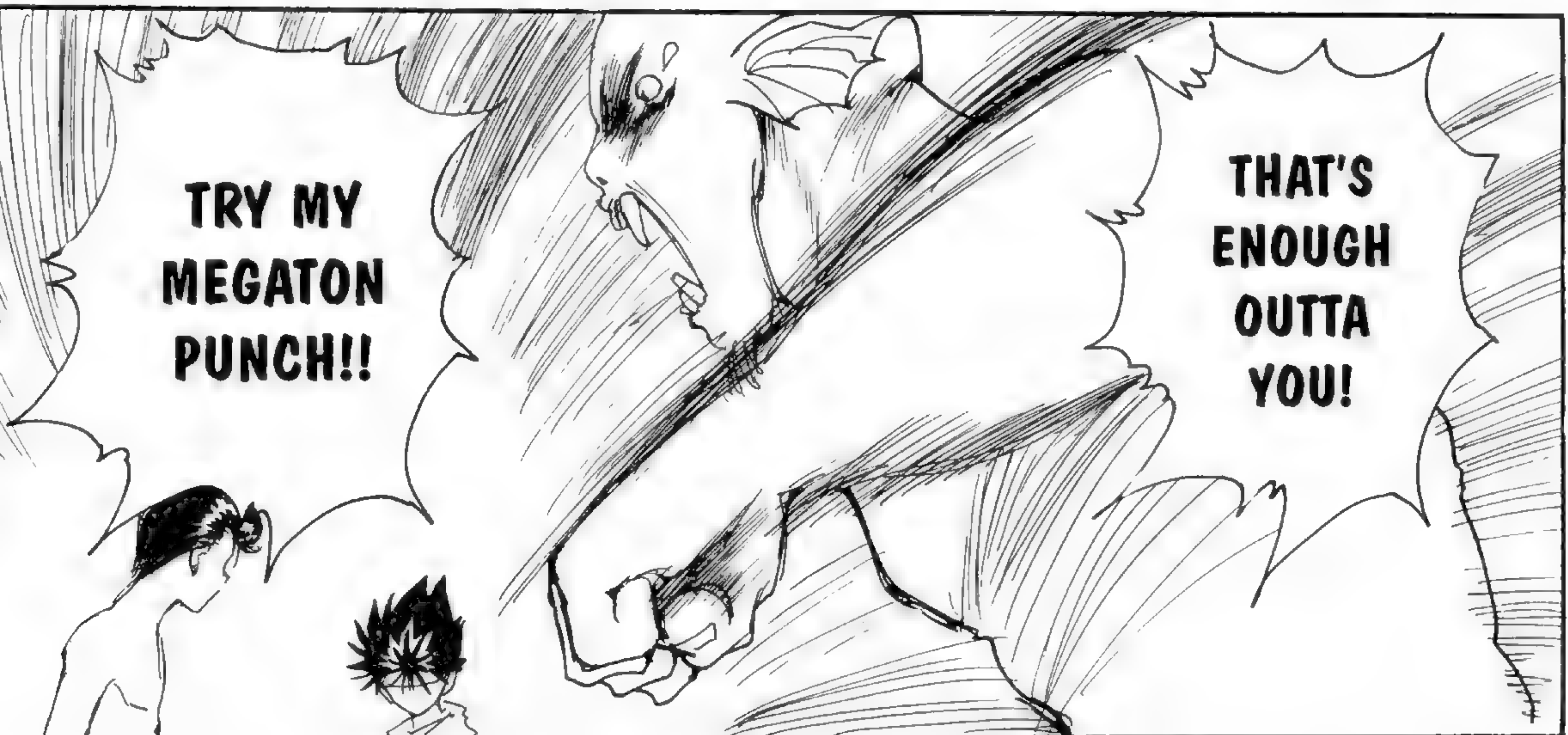
...WILL WANT
THAT VIDEO
BACK.



HEH! NOW
YOU'RE
TALKING.



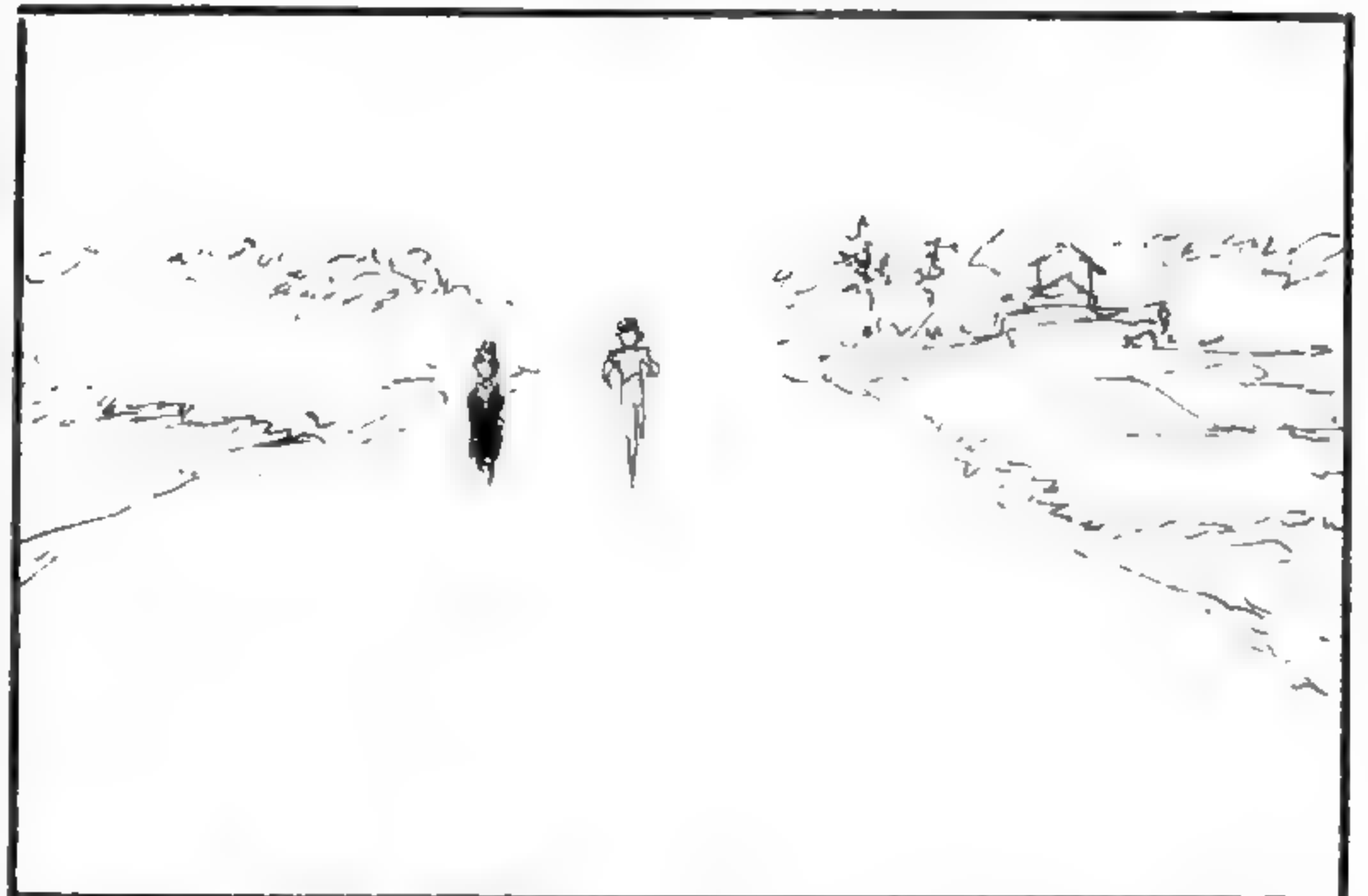
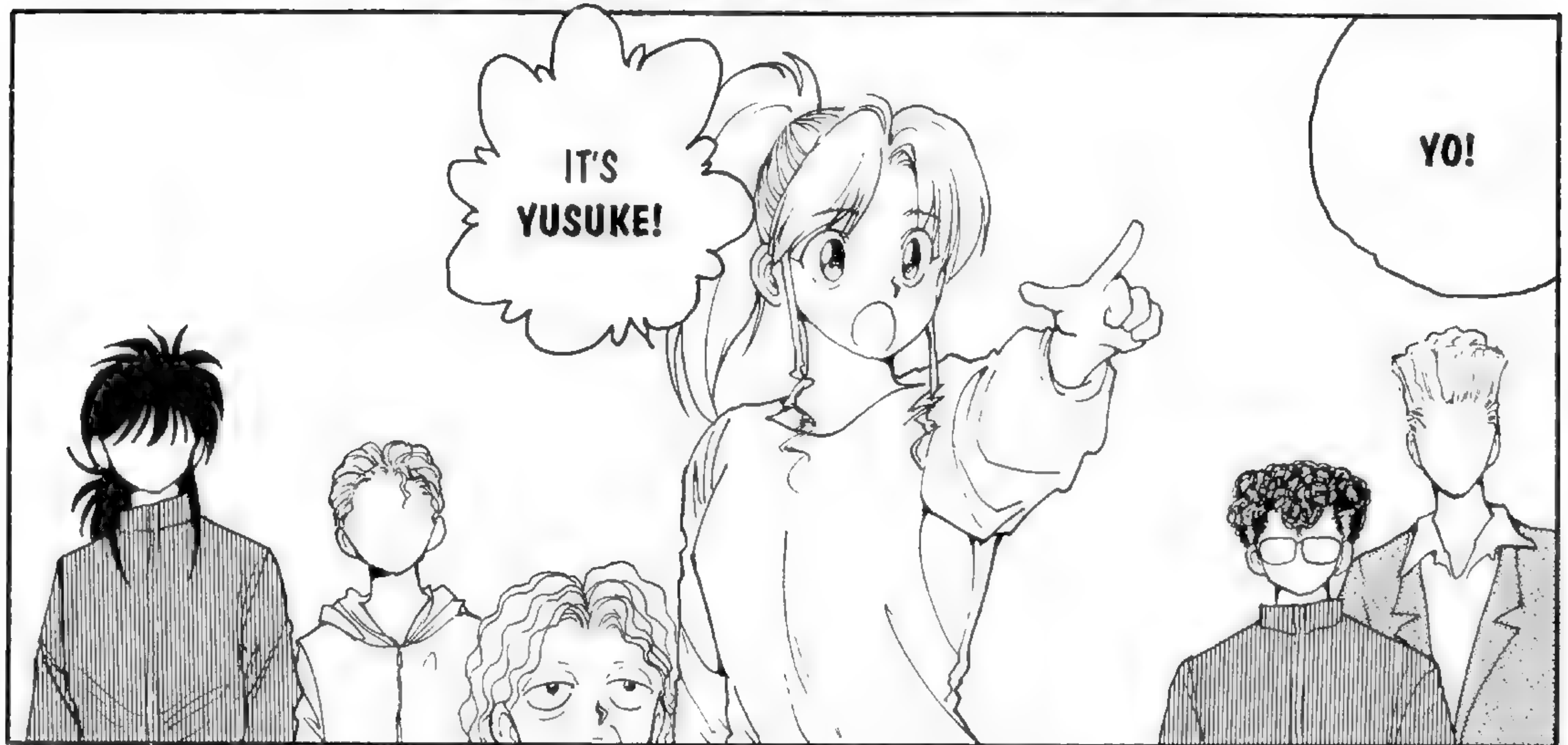








INTO THE CAVE!!



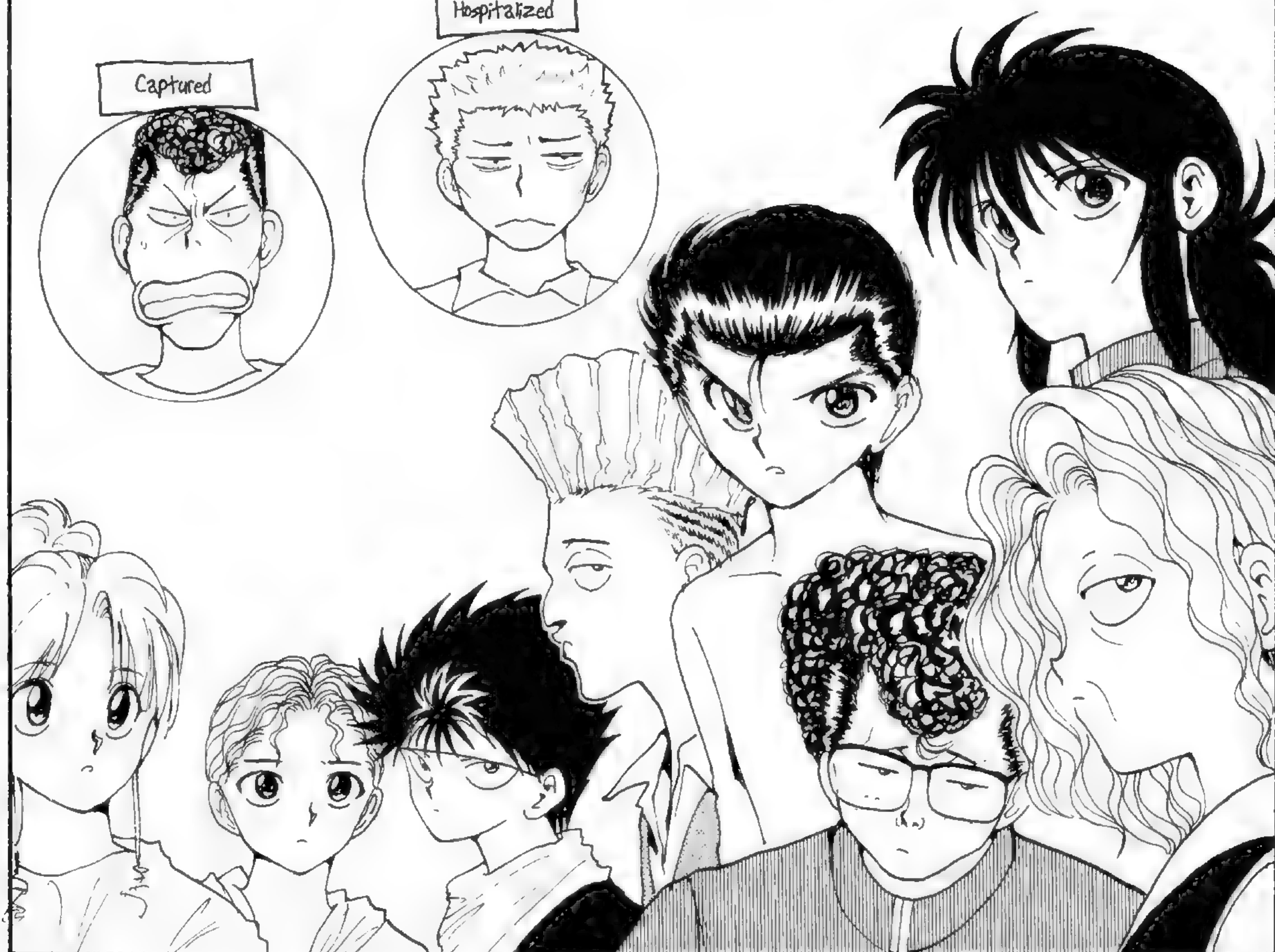
INTO THE CAVE!!



Captured



Hospitalized





LET'S
REVIEW THE
SITUATION.

HIEI'S TAKEN
HAGIRI OUT, SO
FOUR ENEMIES
REMAIN.



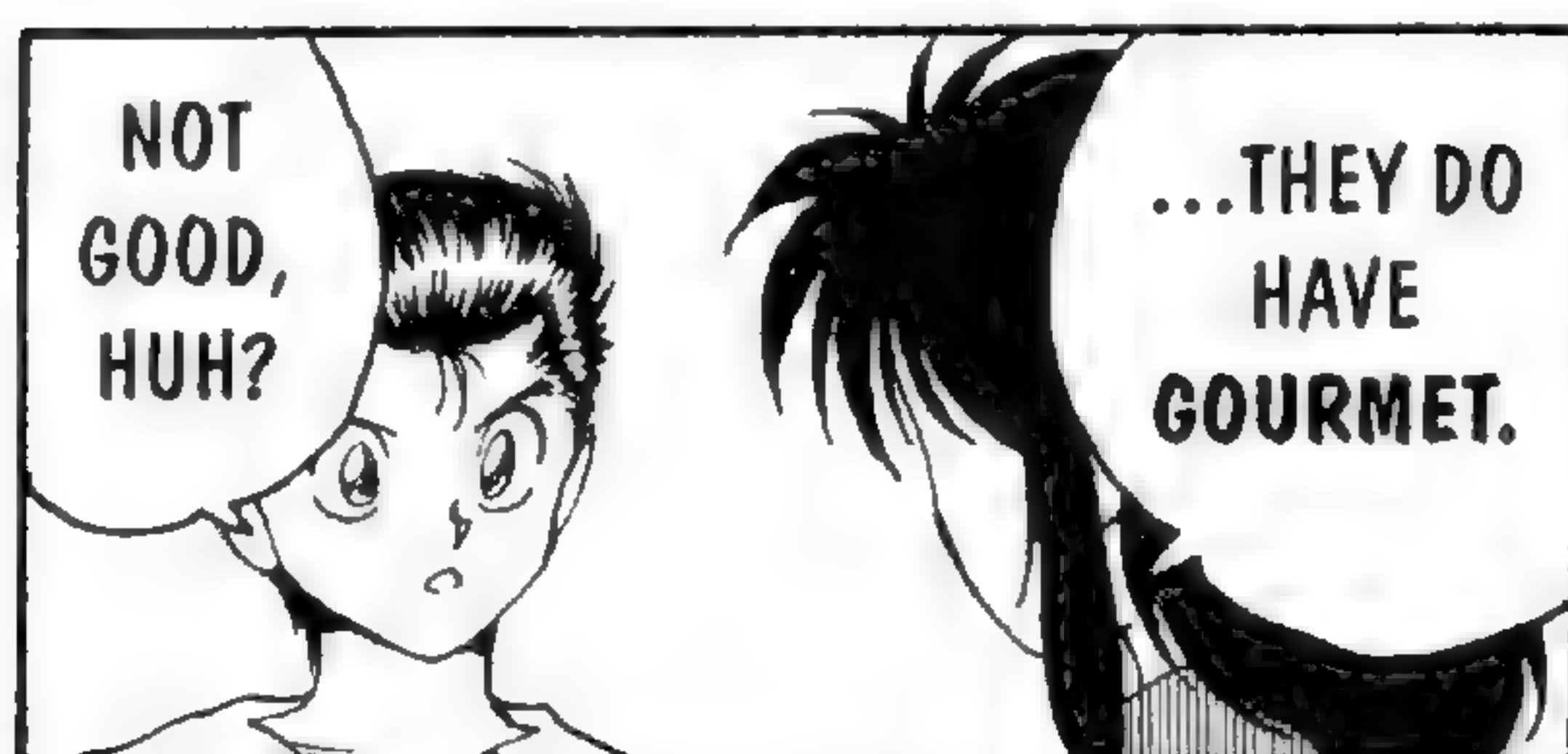
...UNDER-
CUTTING THE
UNDERWORLD'S
ESTIMATE BY
FOUR DAYS.

SENSUI SAID
IN TWO DAYS
THE PORTAL
WILL BE
COMPLETE...

THEY GOT
KUWABARA
AND RETREATED
TO IRIMA CAVE.

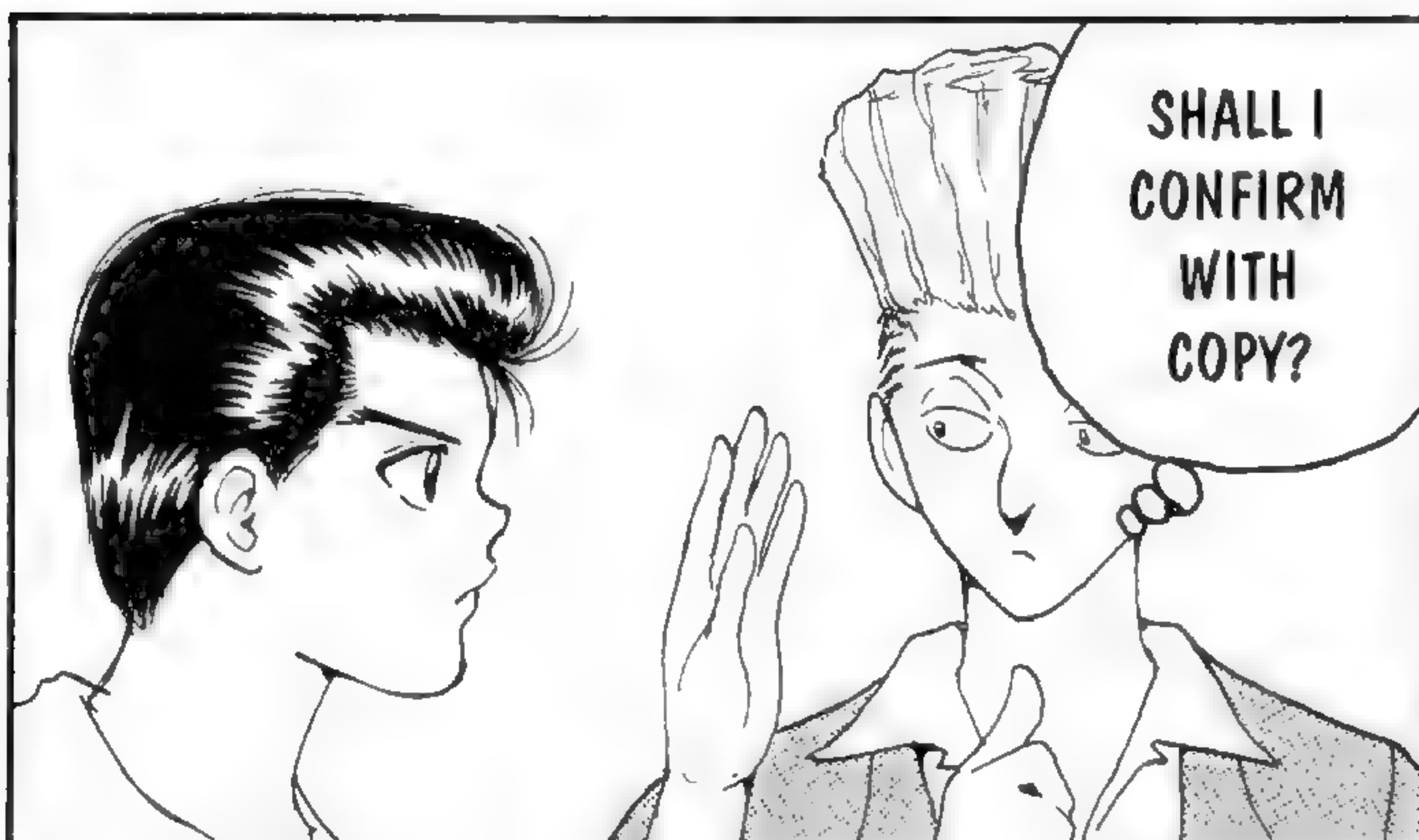
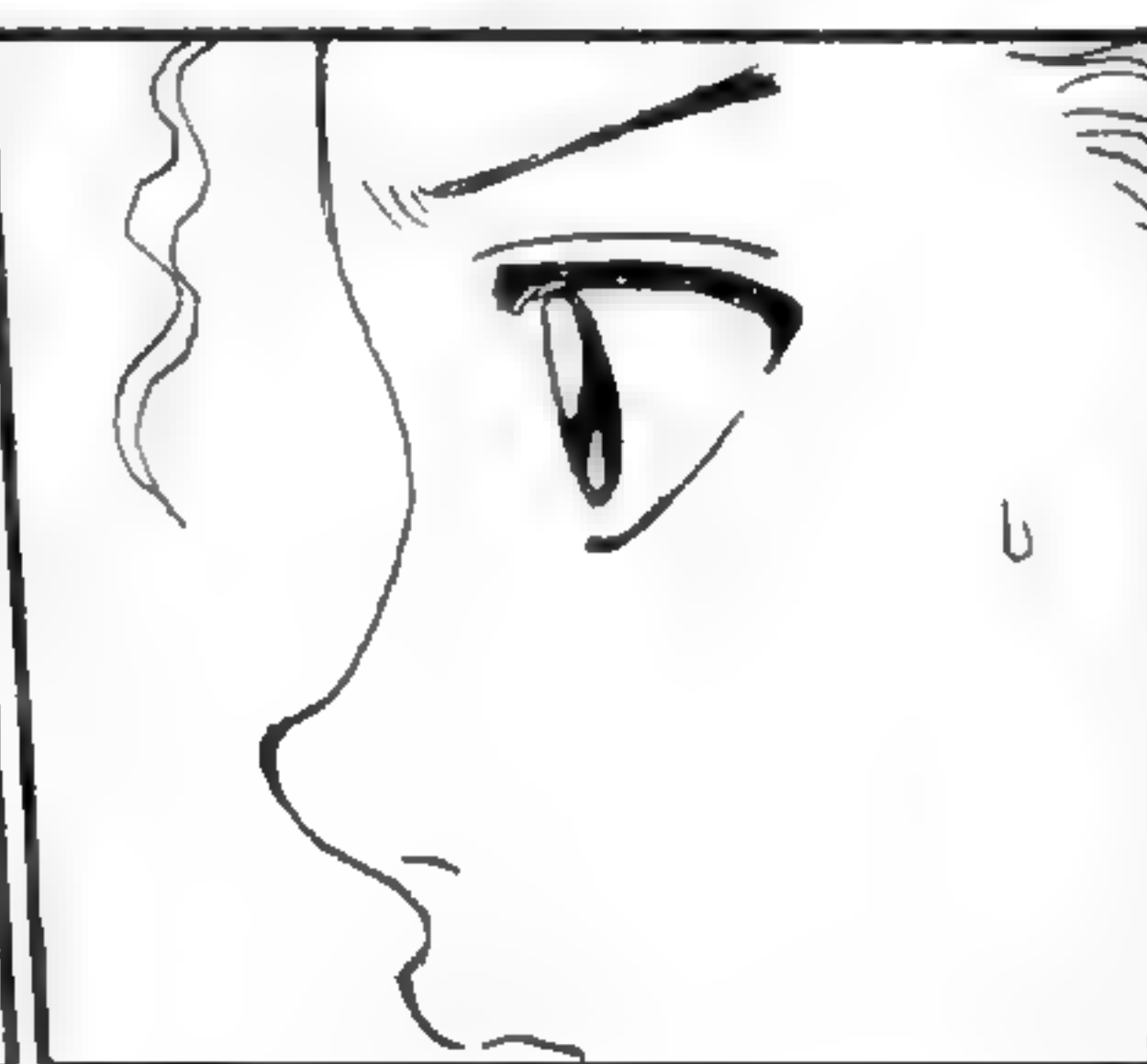
ITSUKI SAID
IT MIGHT GO
QUICKER
THAN
EXPECTED.

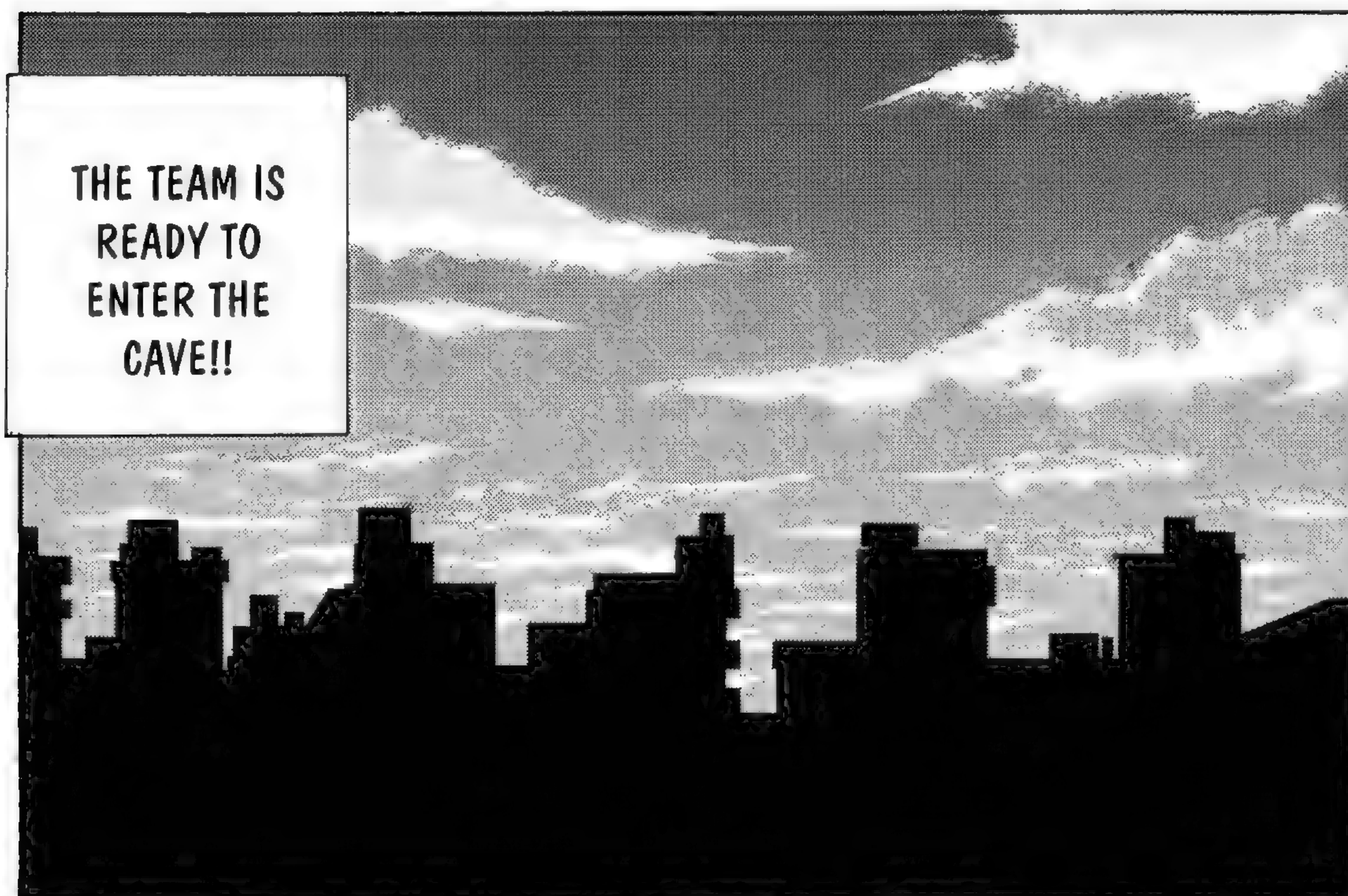
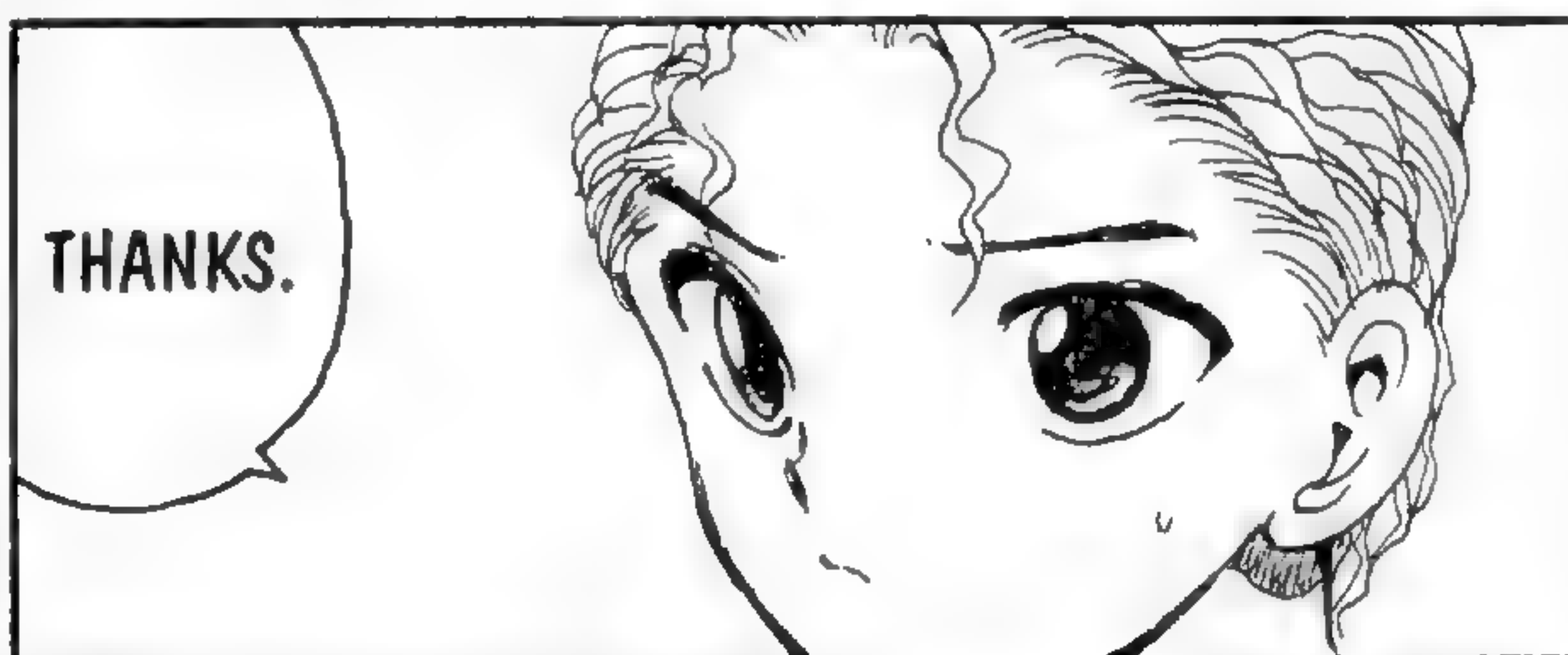
PROBABLY
BECAUSE
ITSUKI, THE
SPELL CASTER,
IS GROWING
IN POWER.













RIGHT.

WHEN
THESE
THREE
CAPTURED
ME!

...DOES
THIS
REMINDE
YOU OF
ANYTHING?

YUSUKE
...

OH!!

HM...?



...OF WHAT
WITS YOU
POSSESS.

SO
DON'T RACE
AHEAD...



LET'S
GO!!

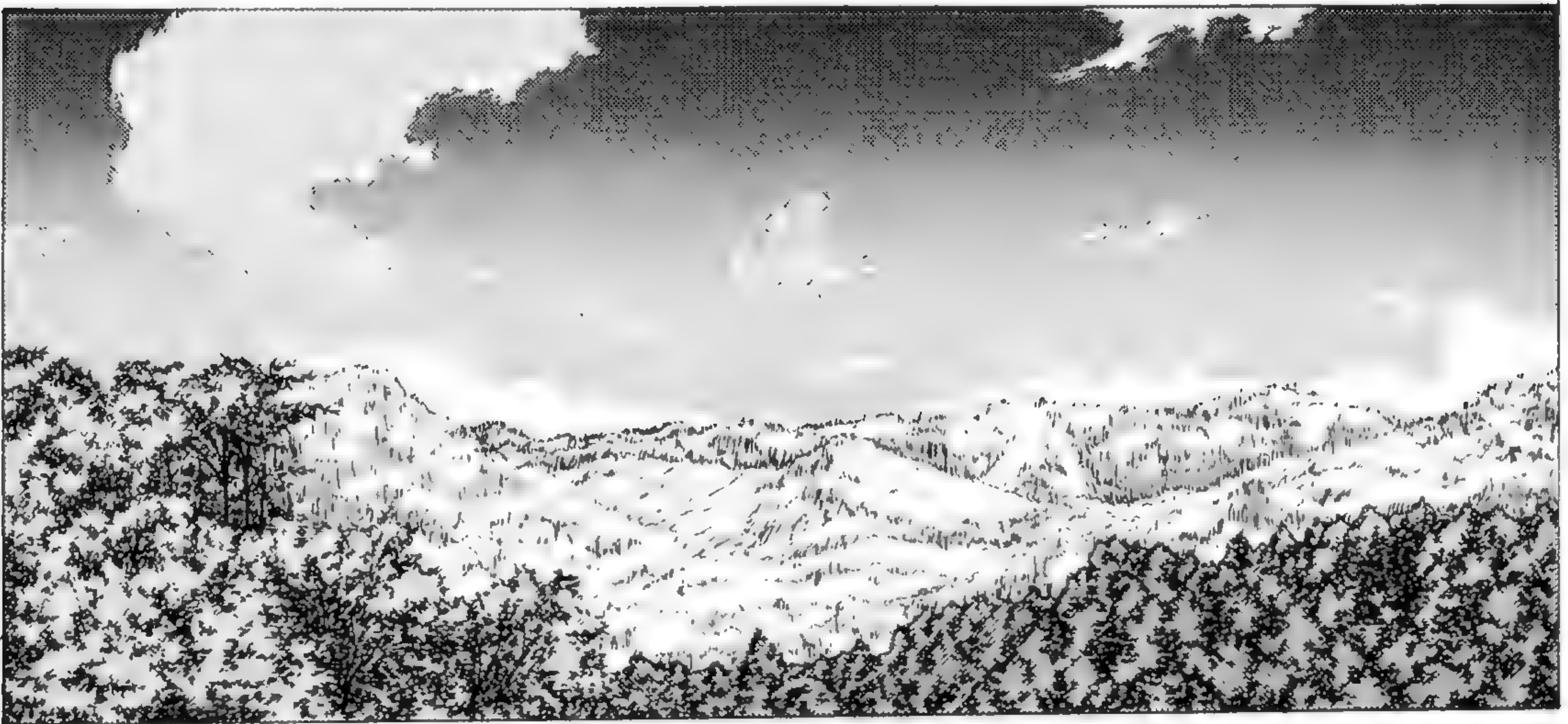
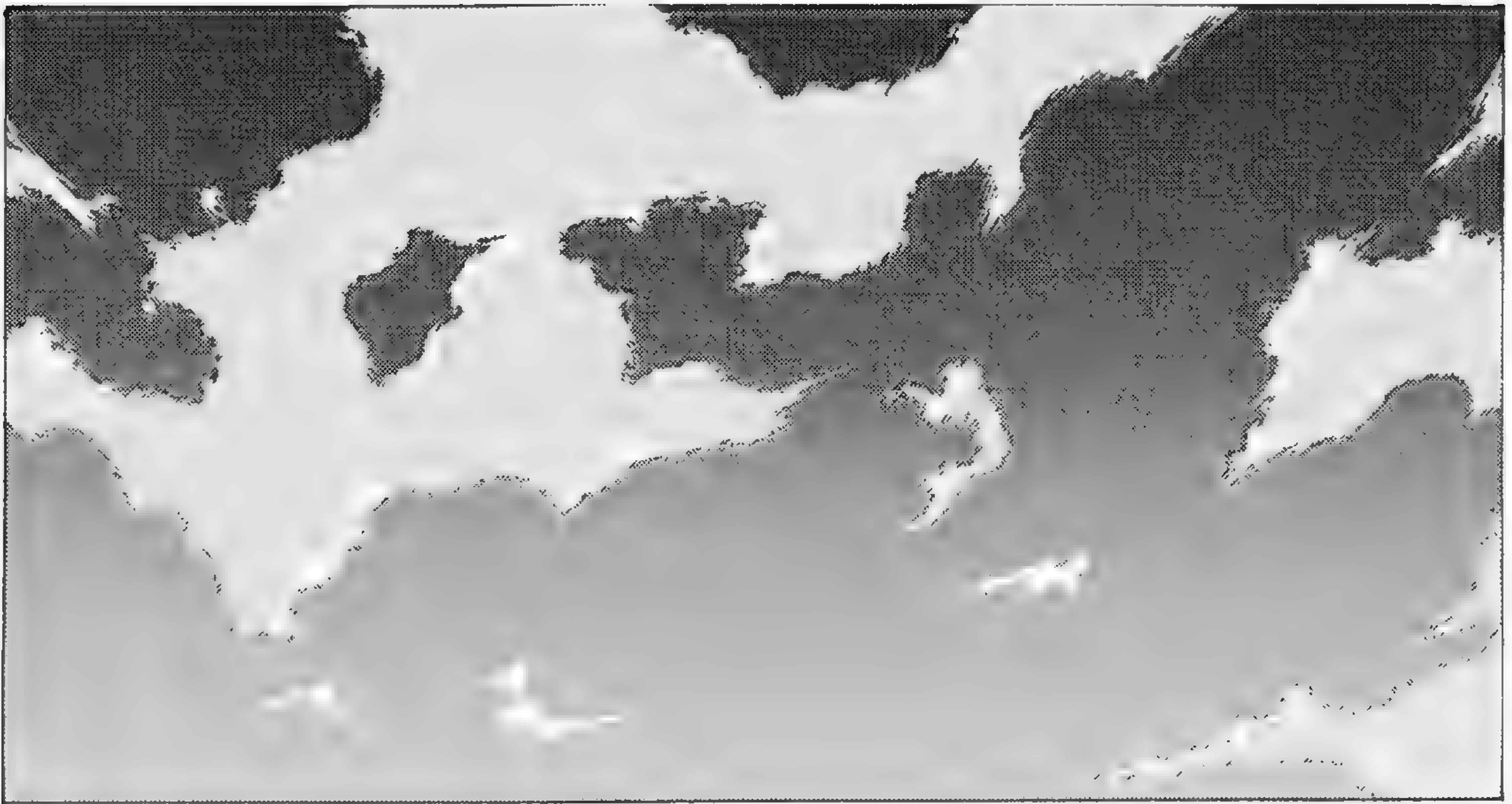


HEH...

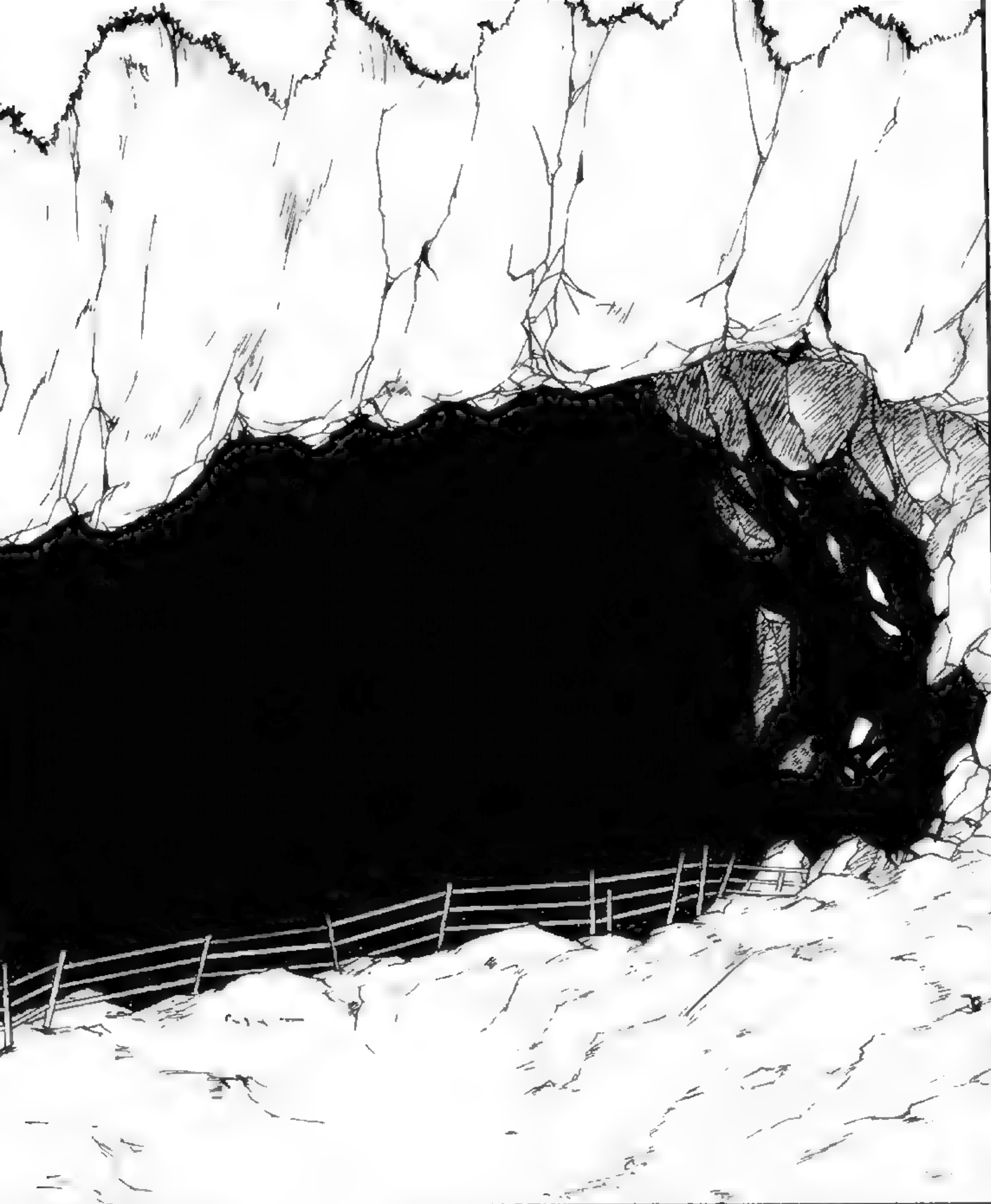


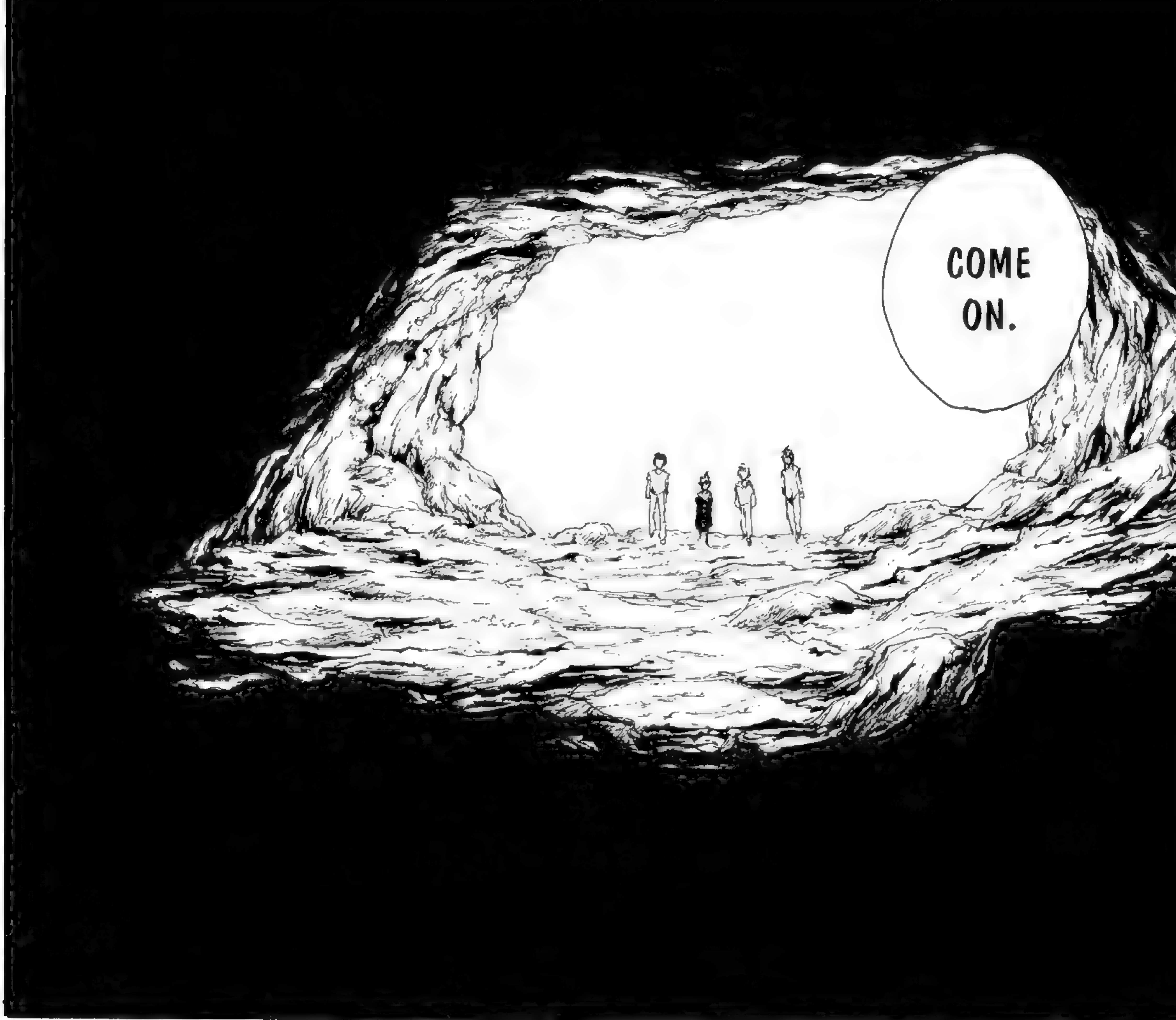
DON'T
WORRY...

...WE'LL
DRAG SENSUI
OUTTA THERE
IN NO TIME.





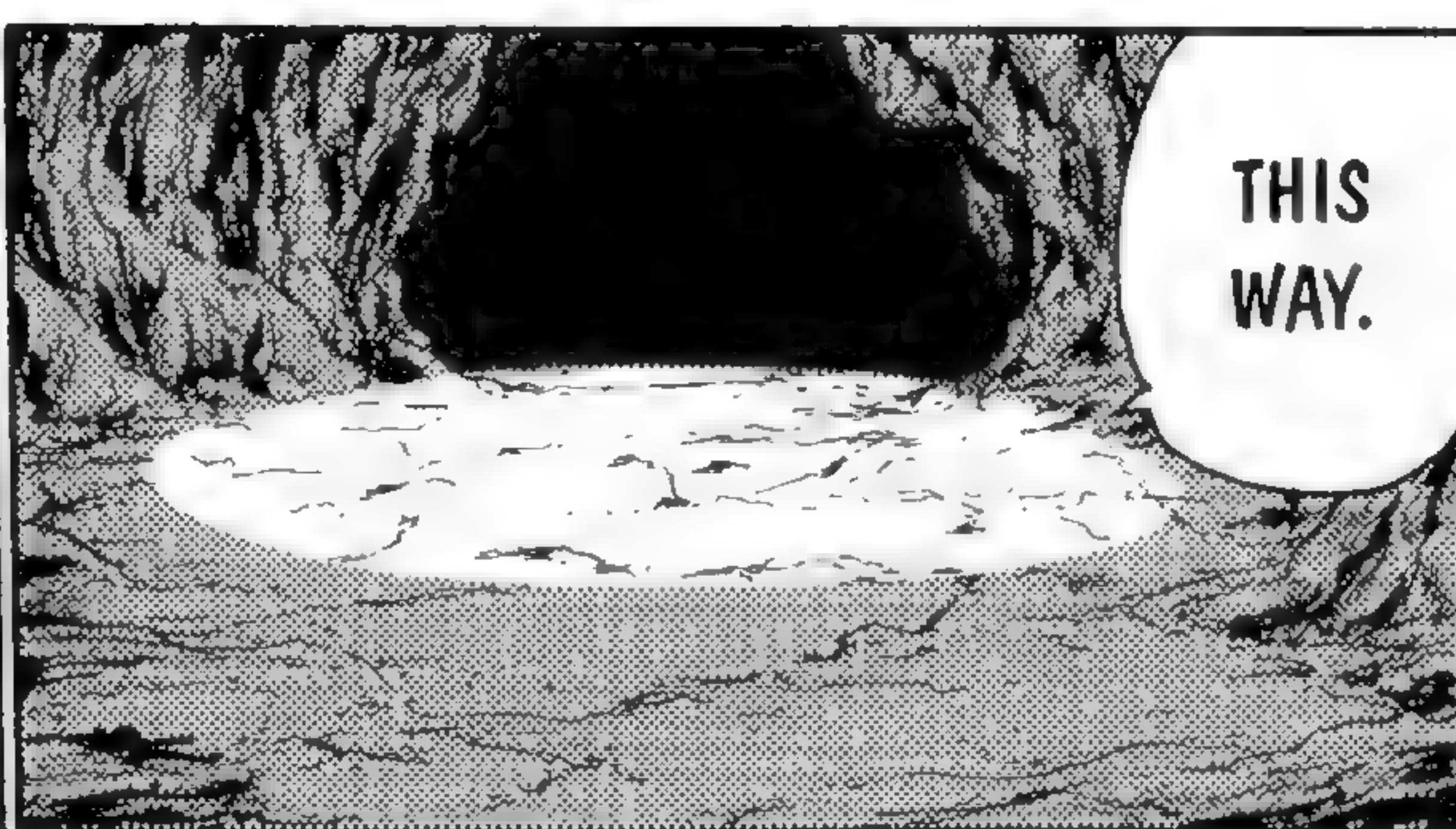




COME
ON.



TOSS

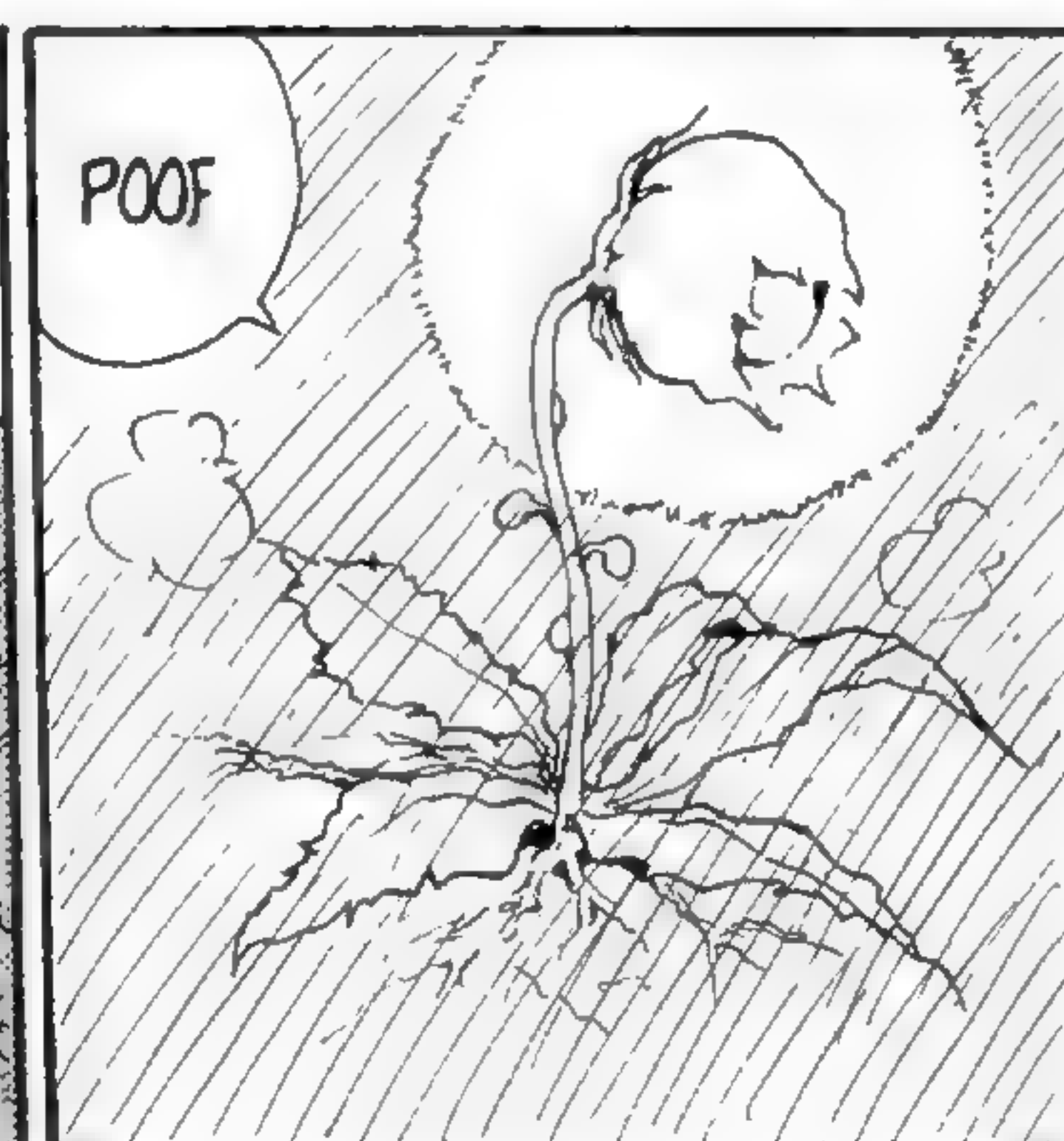


THIS
WAY.



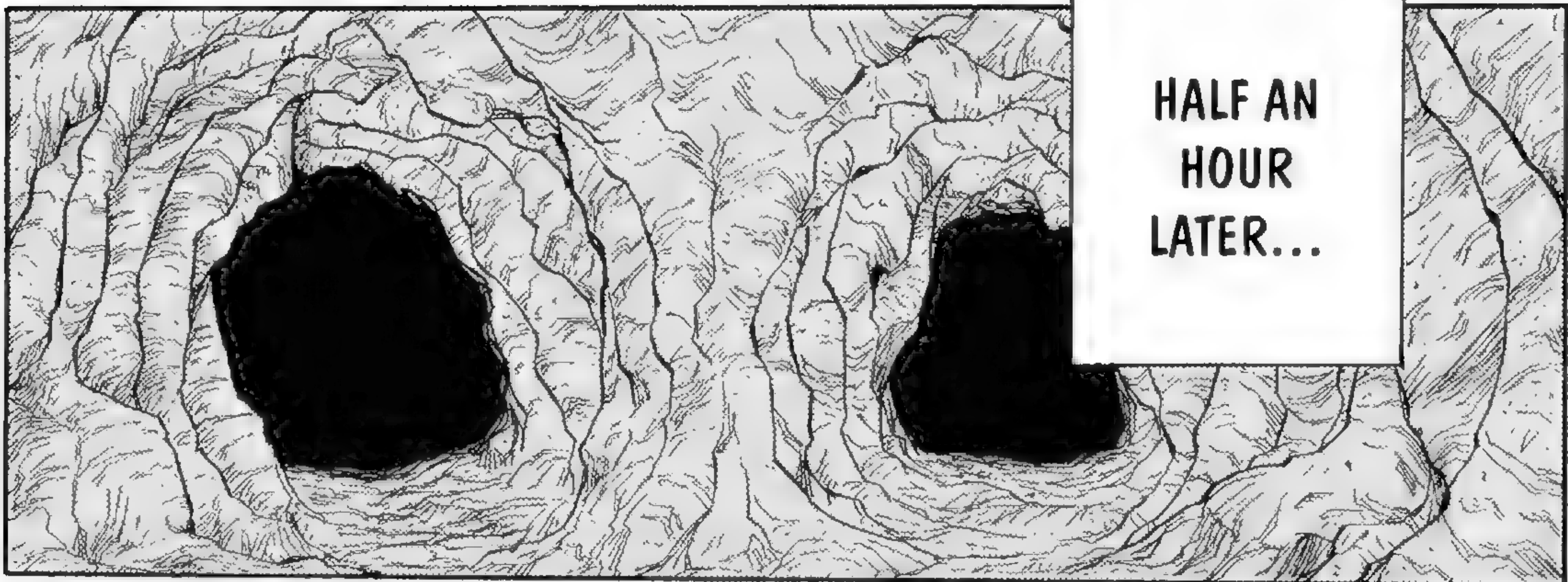
BLAZING OUR
TRAIL, JUST
IN CASE.

?

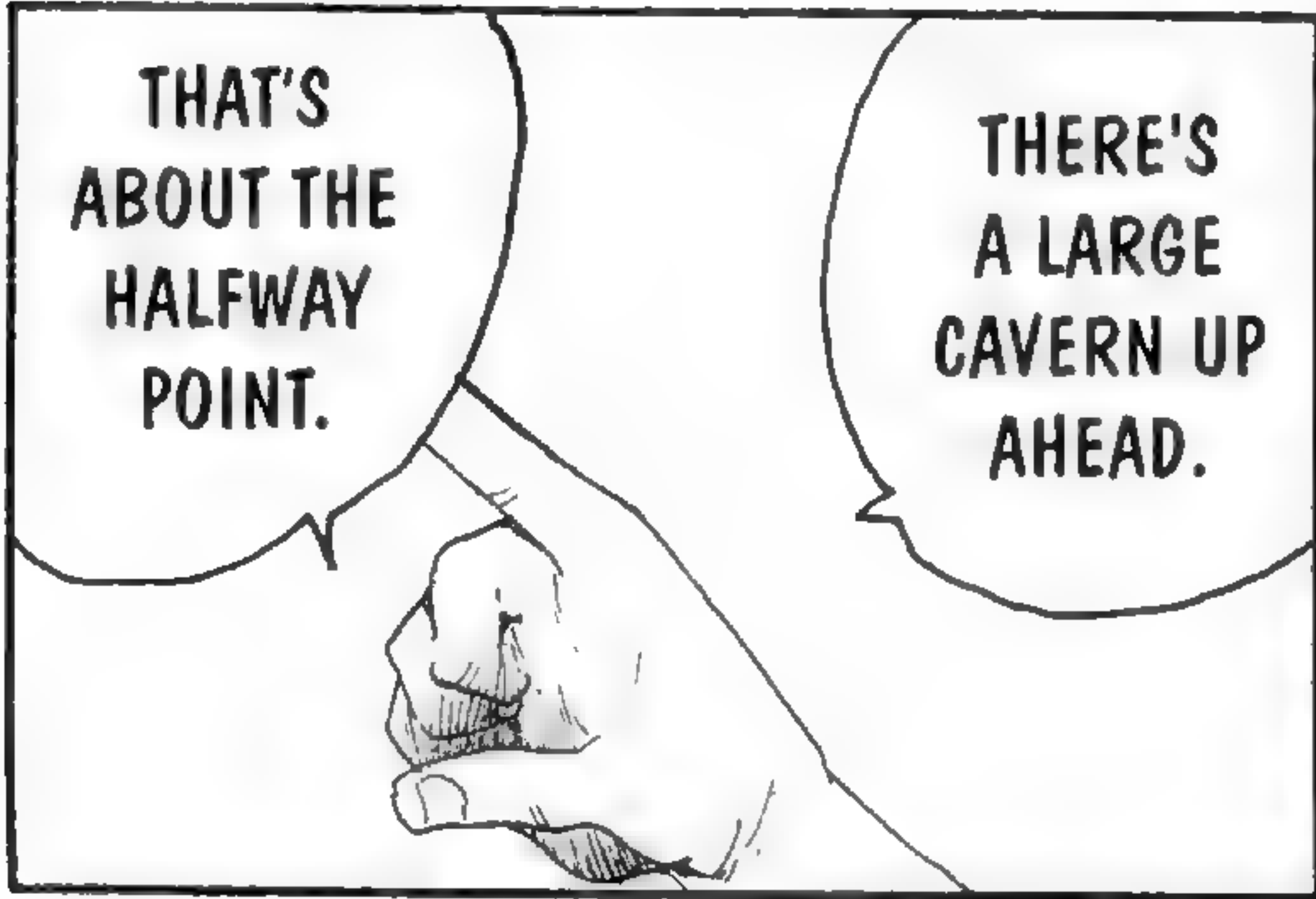


POOF

GLO
BUD.



HALF AN
HOUR
LATER...



THAT'S
ABOUT THE
HALFWAY
POINT.

THERE'S
A LARGE
CAVERN UP
AHEAD.



WE'D
BE LOST
WITHOUT
KURAMA'S
GLO BUDS.

WE'VE
TAKEN
TWENTY
FORKS SO
FAR.



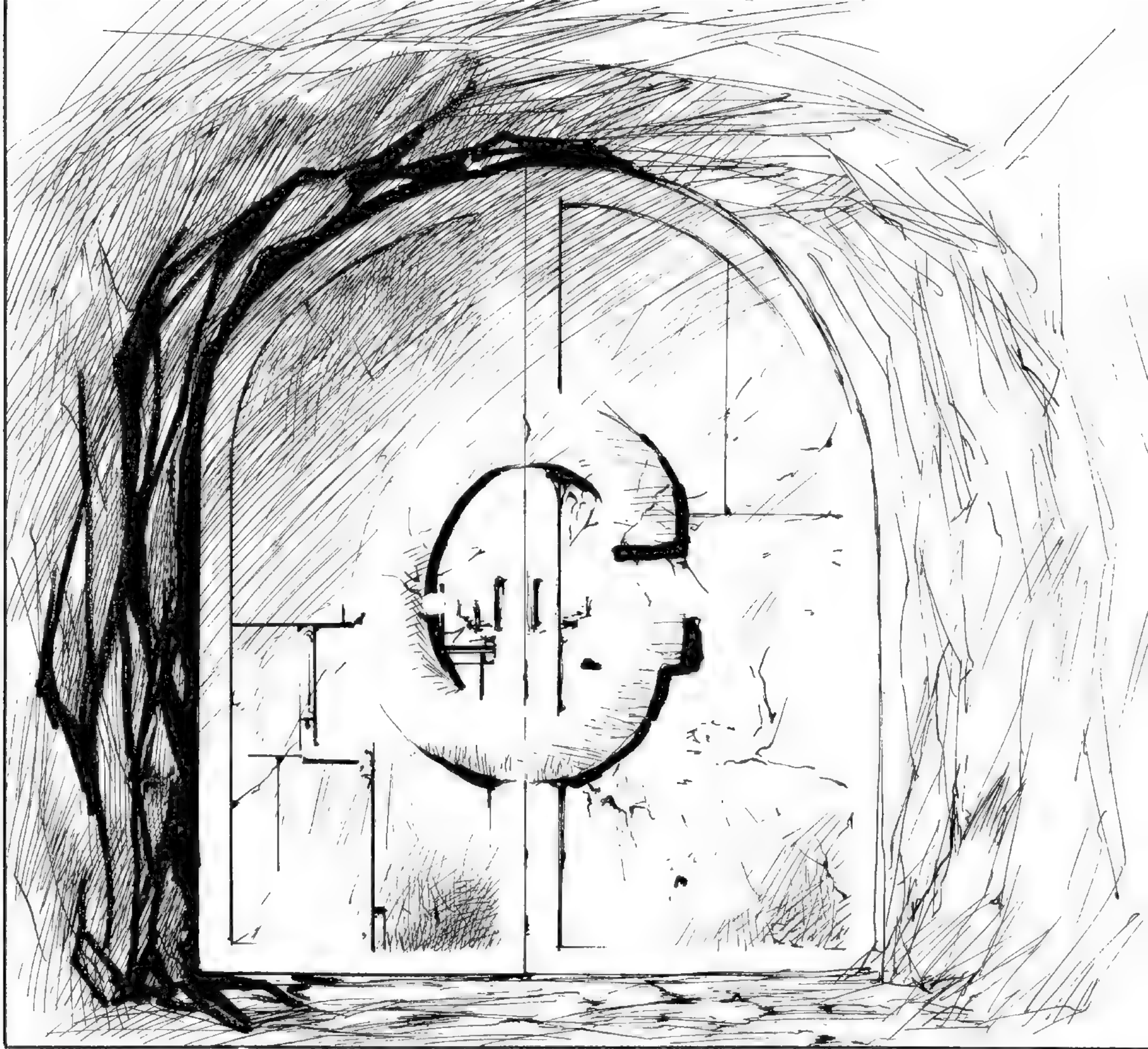
THAT
DOOR! IT'S
NEW!!

UH-OH...



HOLD
IT!!







THE CITY WILL ONLY
KNOW PEACE IF YOU
MANAGE TO DEFEAT
THE EVIL GAMER
KING!!

WELCOME TO DEVIL
CITY!! YOU ARE THE
SEVEN CHOSEN
WARRIORS!!



IT'S "GAME
BATTLER"!



?!



SO
AMANUMA
SET THIS UP!



THAT WAS THE
OPENING
SEQUENCE!!

THAT'S
RIGHT!!



A VIDEO
GAME.

"GAME
BATTLER"?

GAME BATTLER

A GAME WHERE YOU MUST DEFEAT THE EVIL GAMER KING, THE MASTER OF ALL GENRES OF GAMES, TO BRING PEACE TO DEVIL CITY. THE GAMER KING CHALLENGES THE PLAYER WITH SPORTS GAMES, FIGHTING GAMES, TRIVIA GAMES, AND PUZZLE GAMES, AND THE PLAYER MUST WIN FOUR OUT OF SEVEN MATCHES.

IT'S SO POPULAR THAT KIDS HOLD "BATTLER PARTIES," WHERE FRIENDS WITH DIFFERENT AREAS OF EXPERTISE BAND TOGETHER TO TRY TO WIN THE GAME.

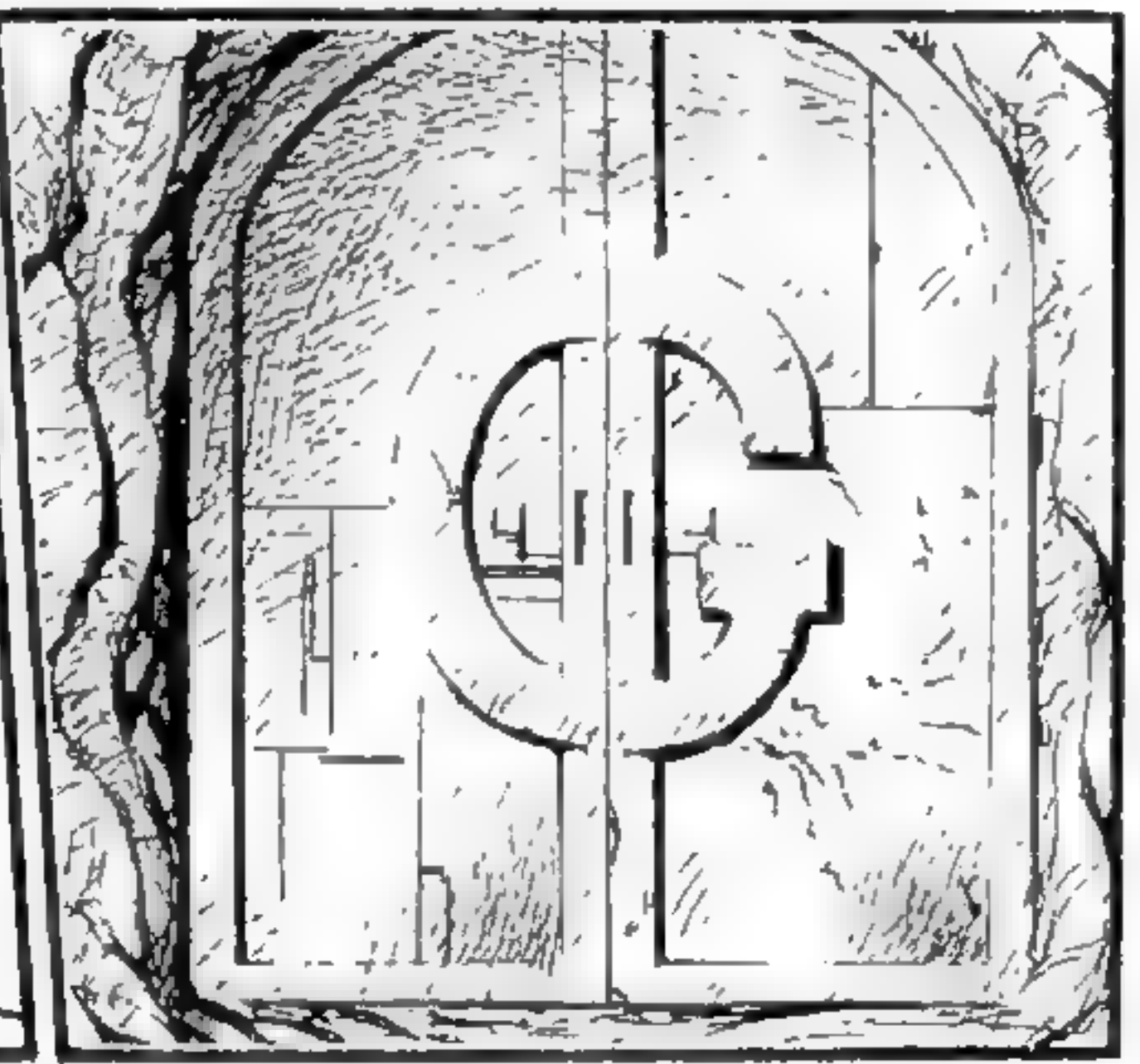
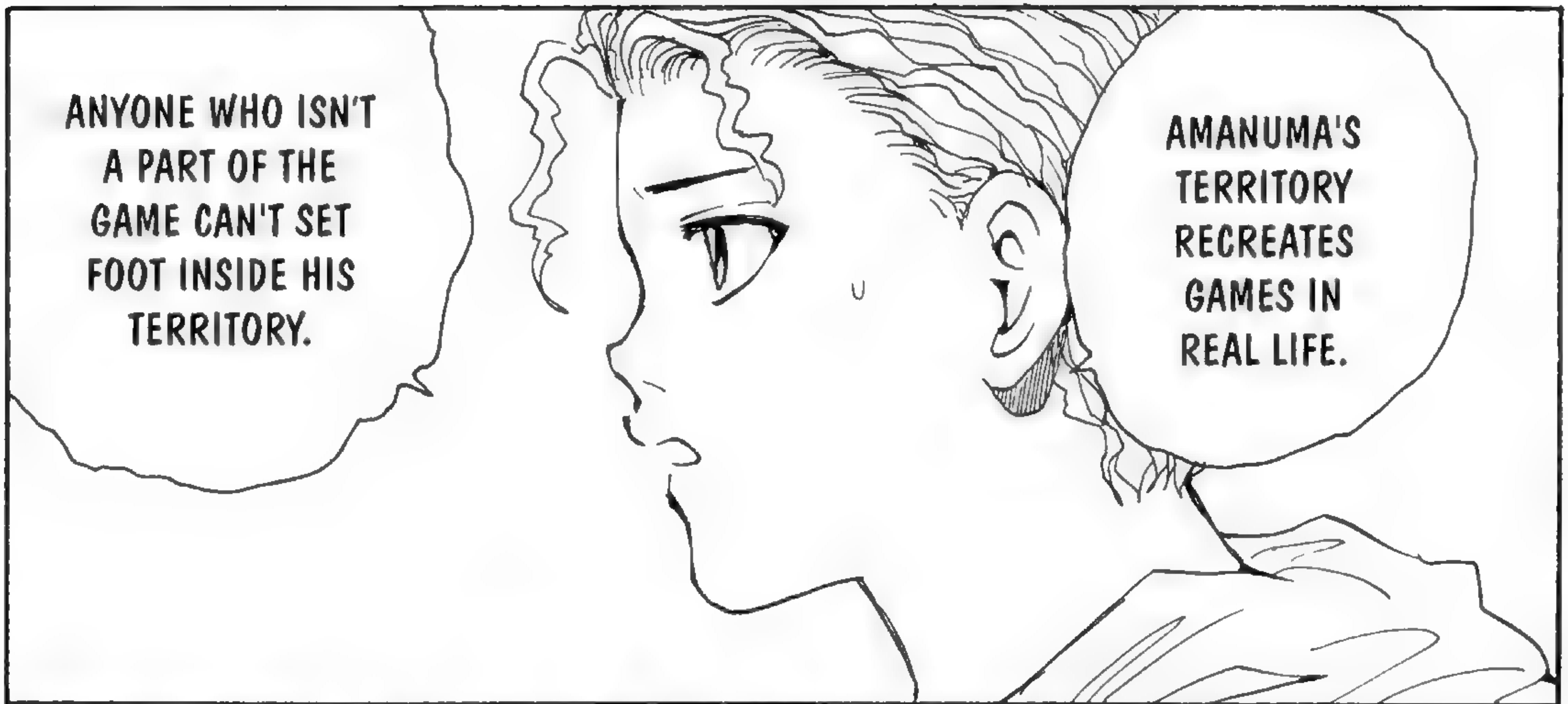
I DON'T KNOW
HOW MANY OF
YOU ARE OUT
THERE...

WELCOME
TO MY
TERRITORY.

SEVEN WARRIORS
ARE CHOSEN, SO
SEVEN WARRIORS
THERE MUST BE!

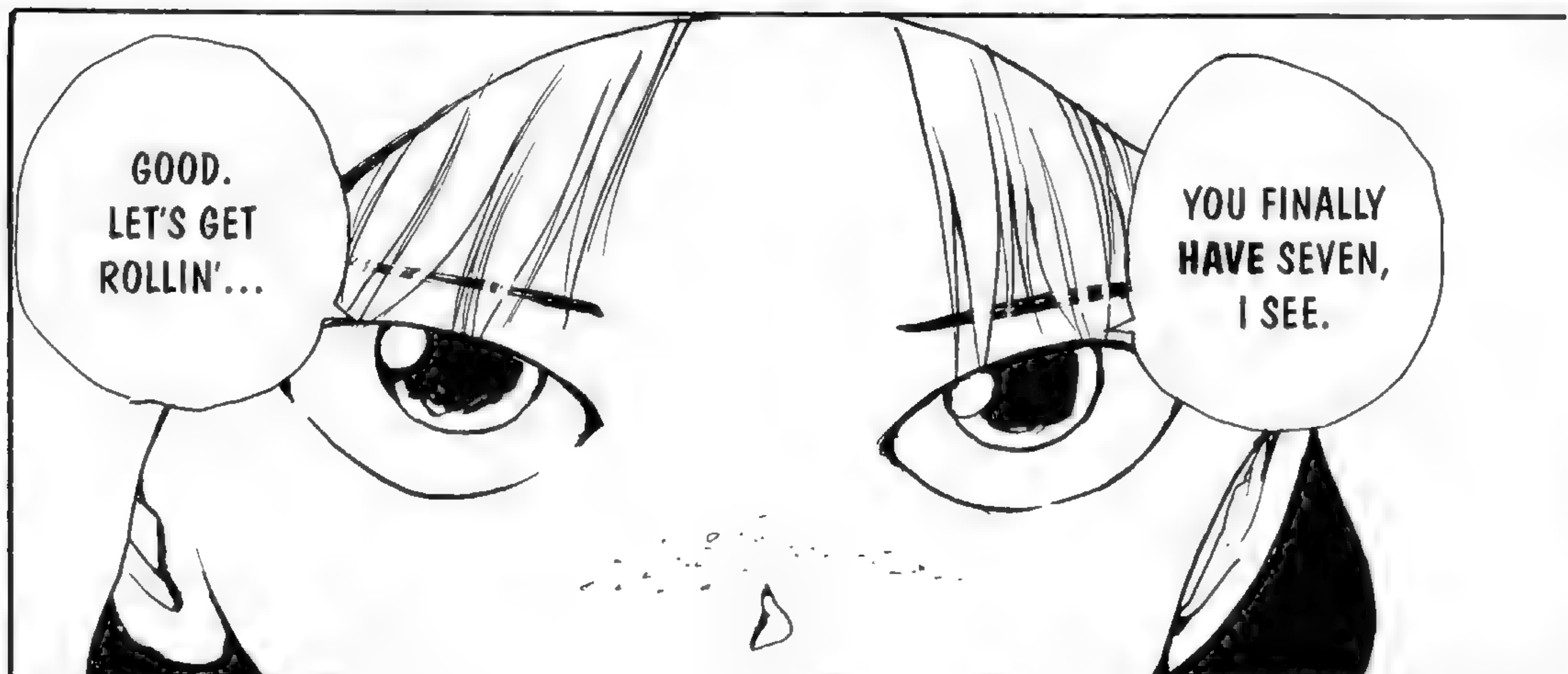
...BUT IN MY
TERRITORY, YOU
HAVE TO FOLLOW
THE RULES OF THE
GAME.

AMANUMA'S
VOICE!

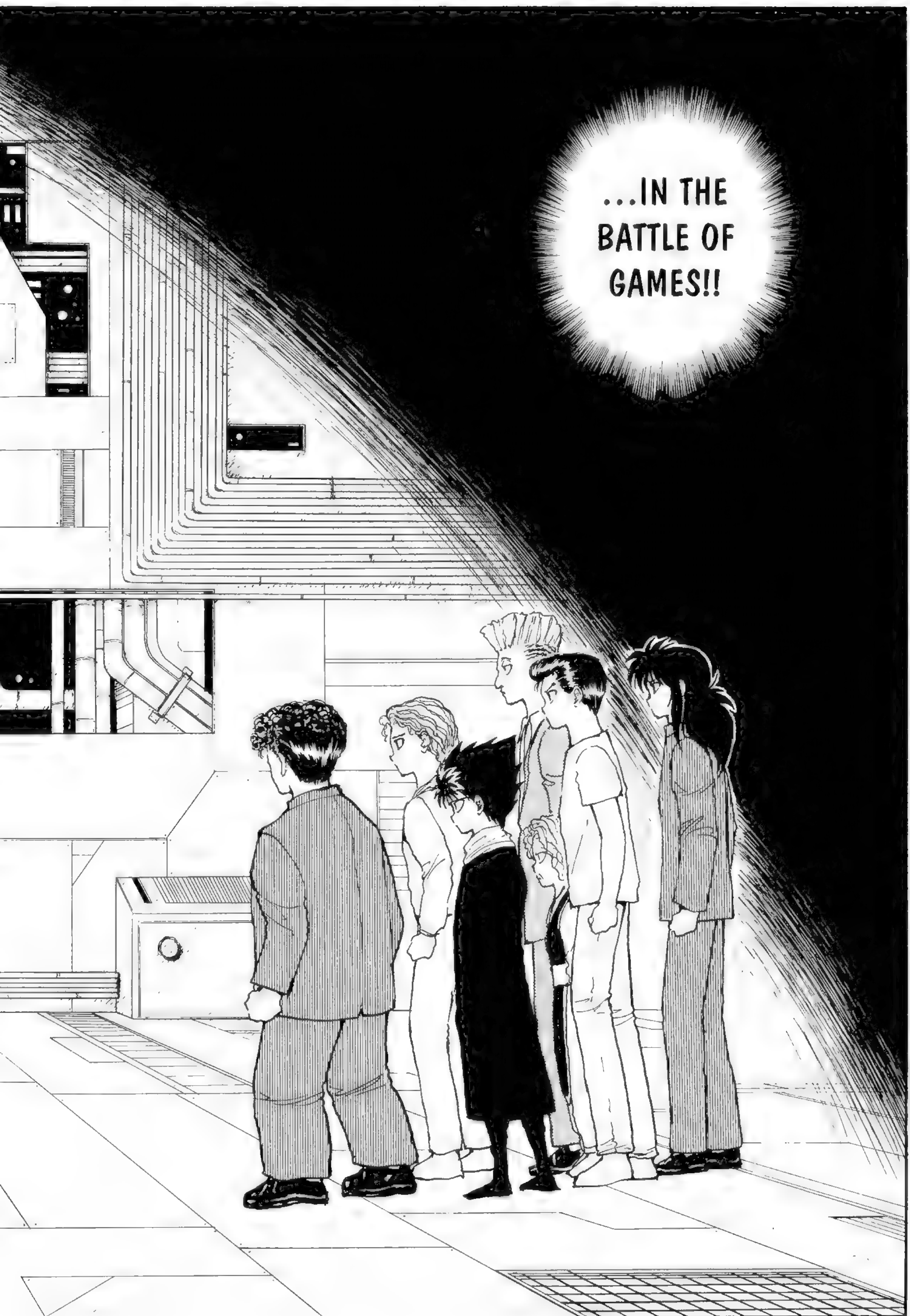




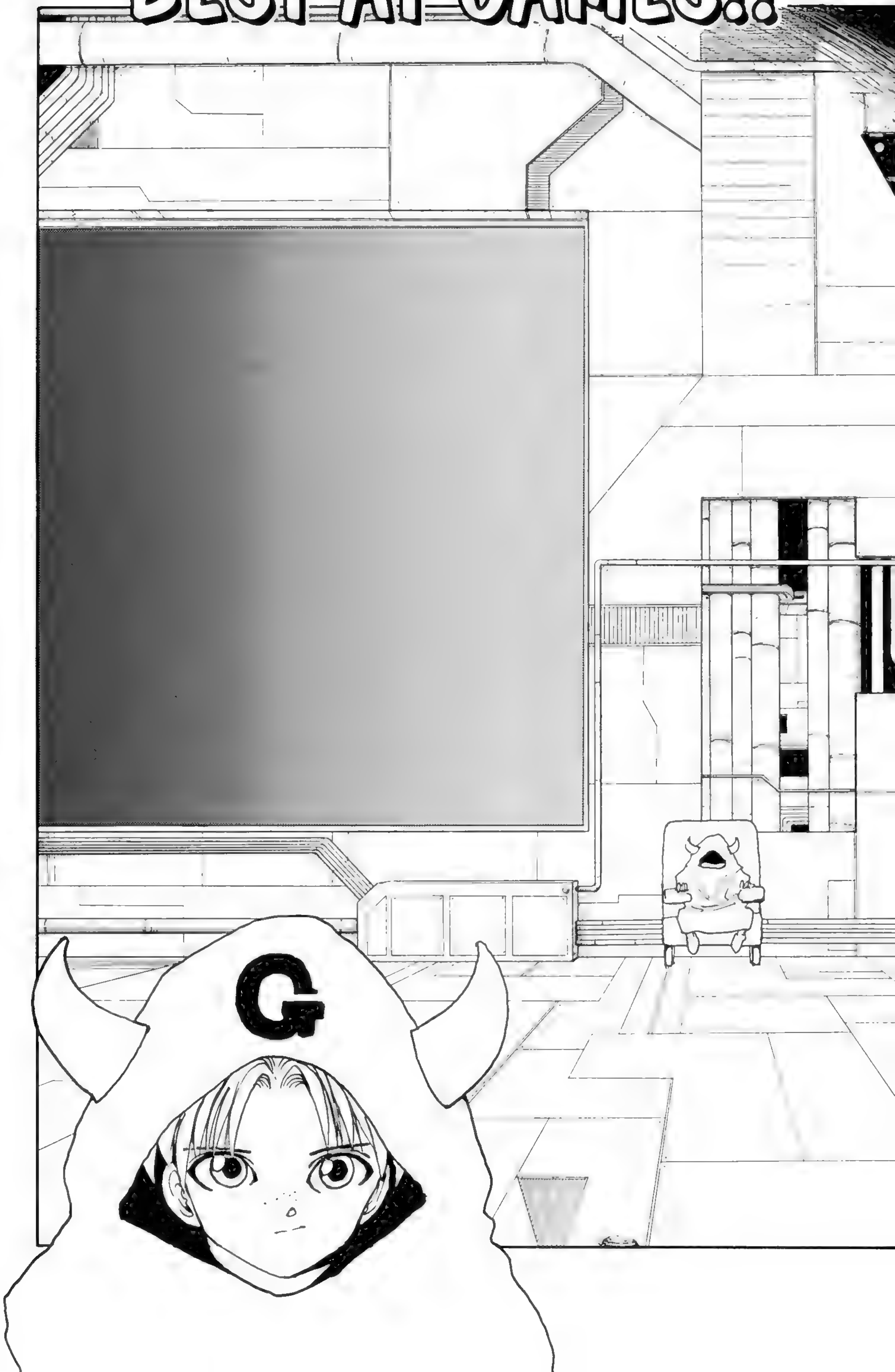
BEST AT GAMES!!

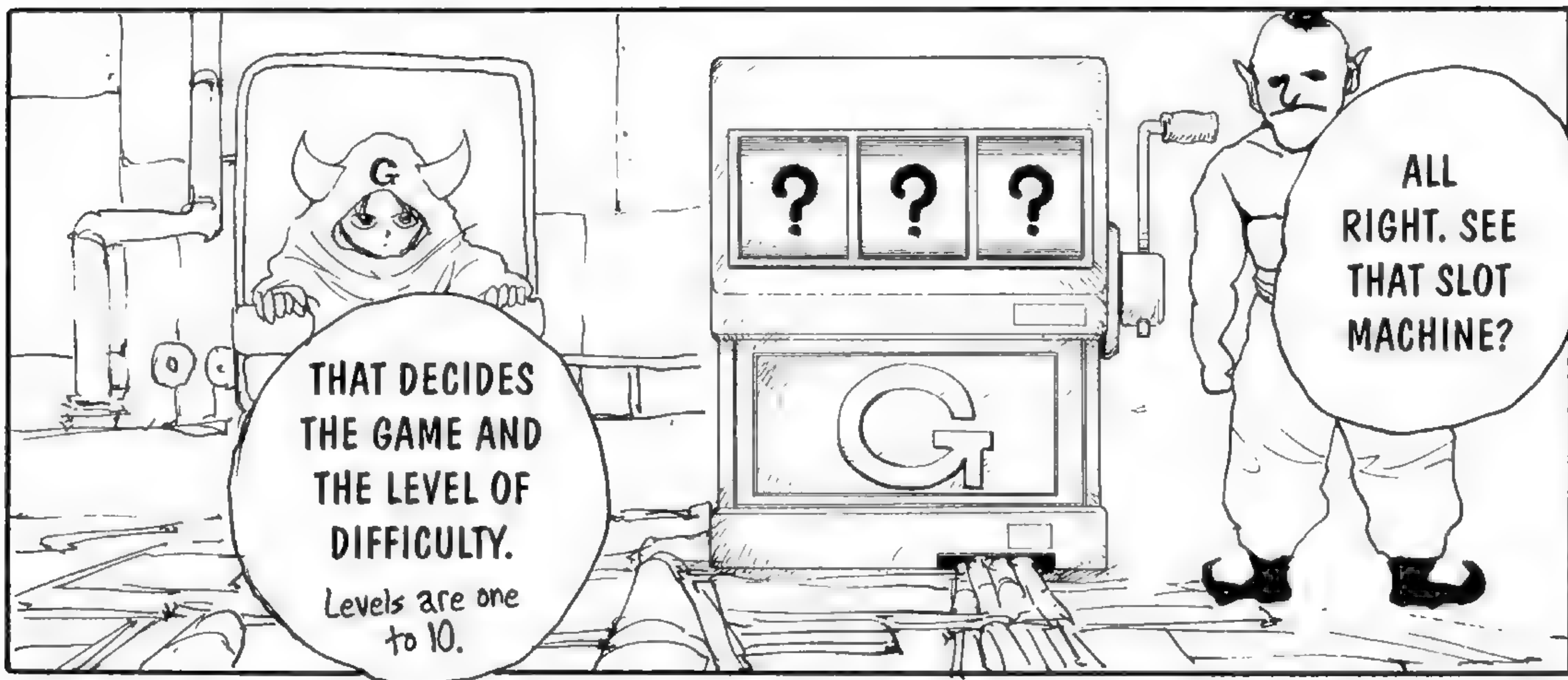
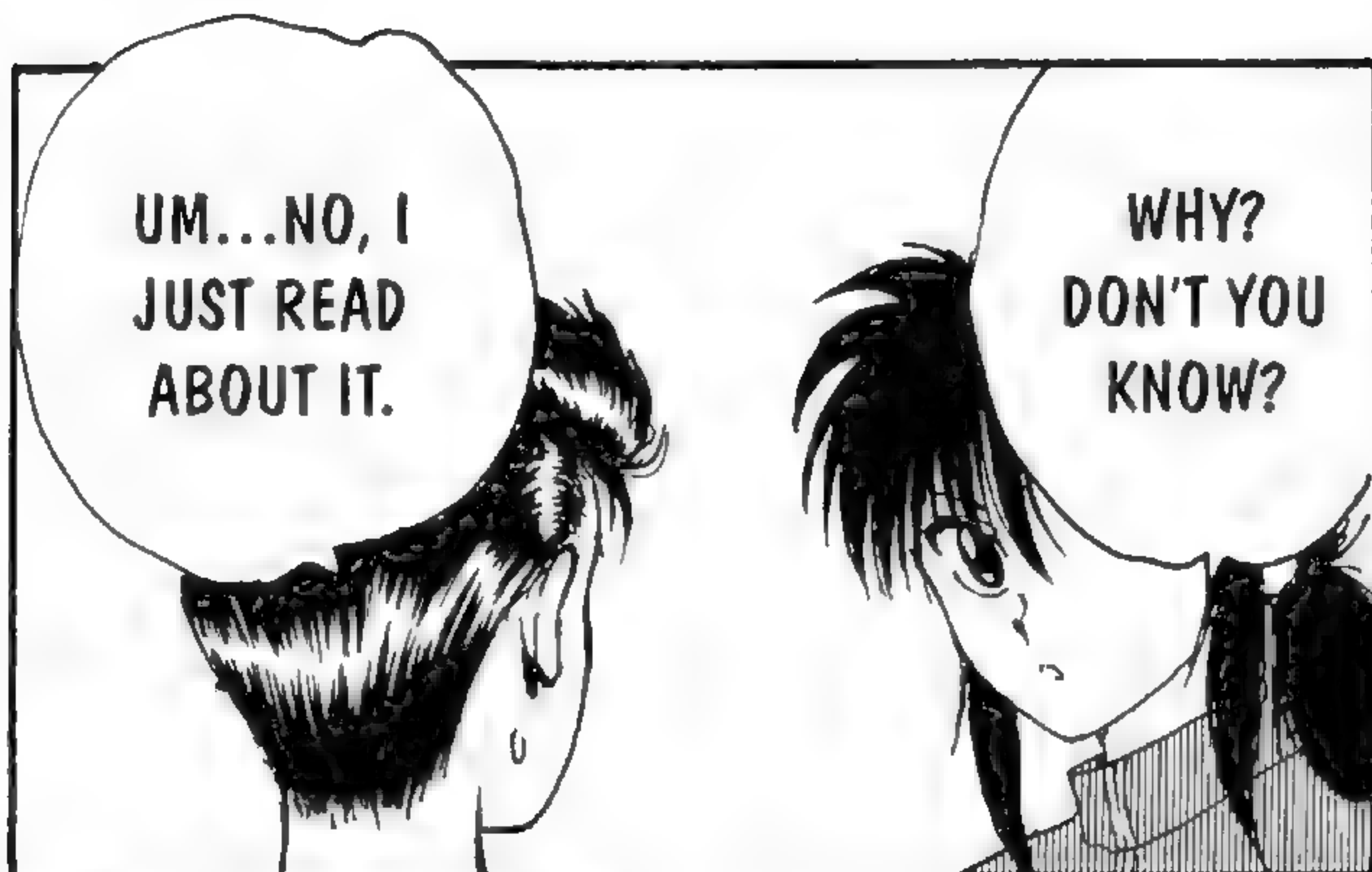


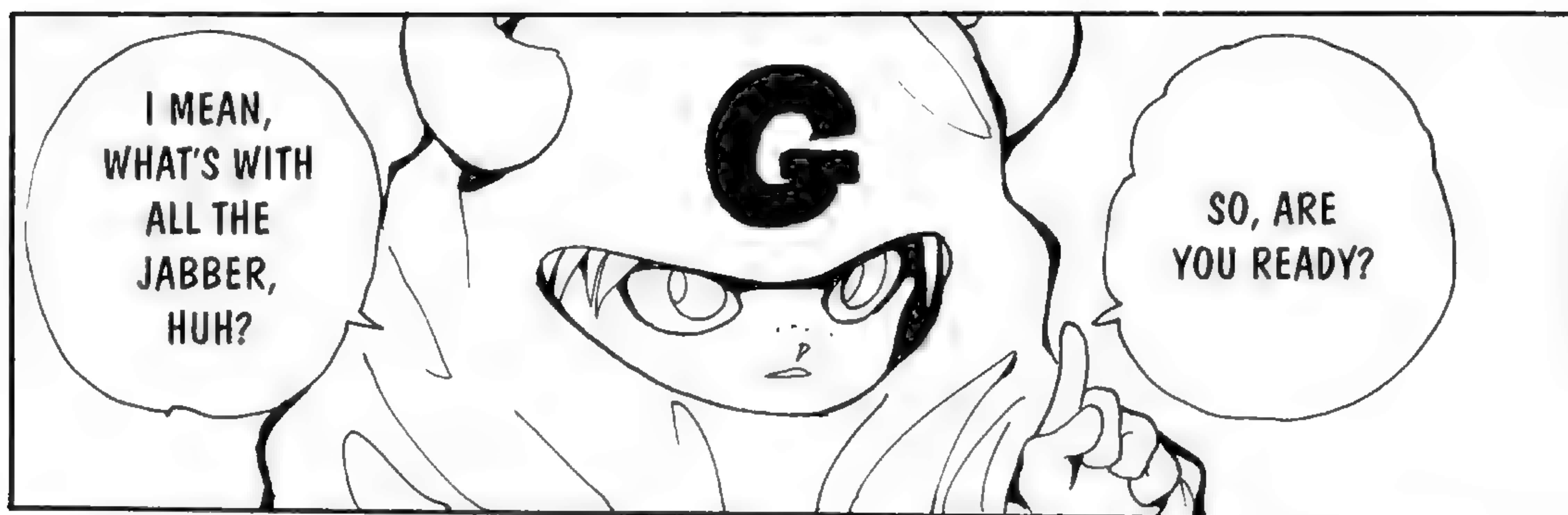
...IN THE
BATTLE OF
GAMES!!



BEST AT GAMES!!









AGAINST
THE **GAME'S**
GAMER KING,
THAT IS.

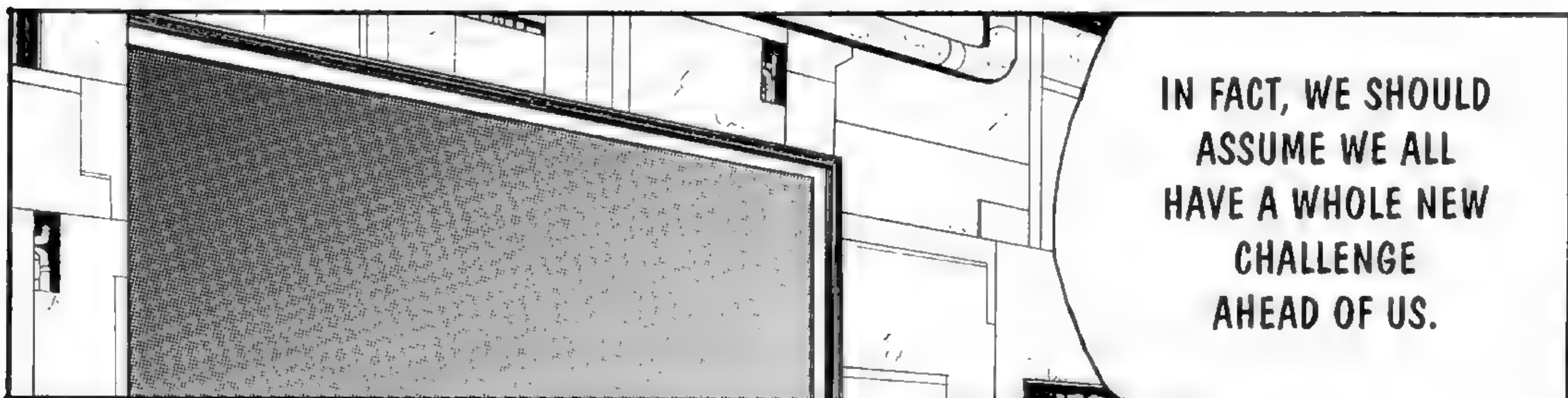


YEAH...A
REAL-LIFE
GAMER KING
COULD BE A
TRICKIER
PROPOSITION.

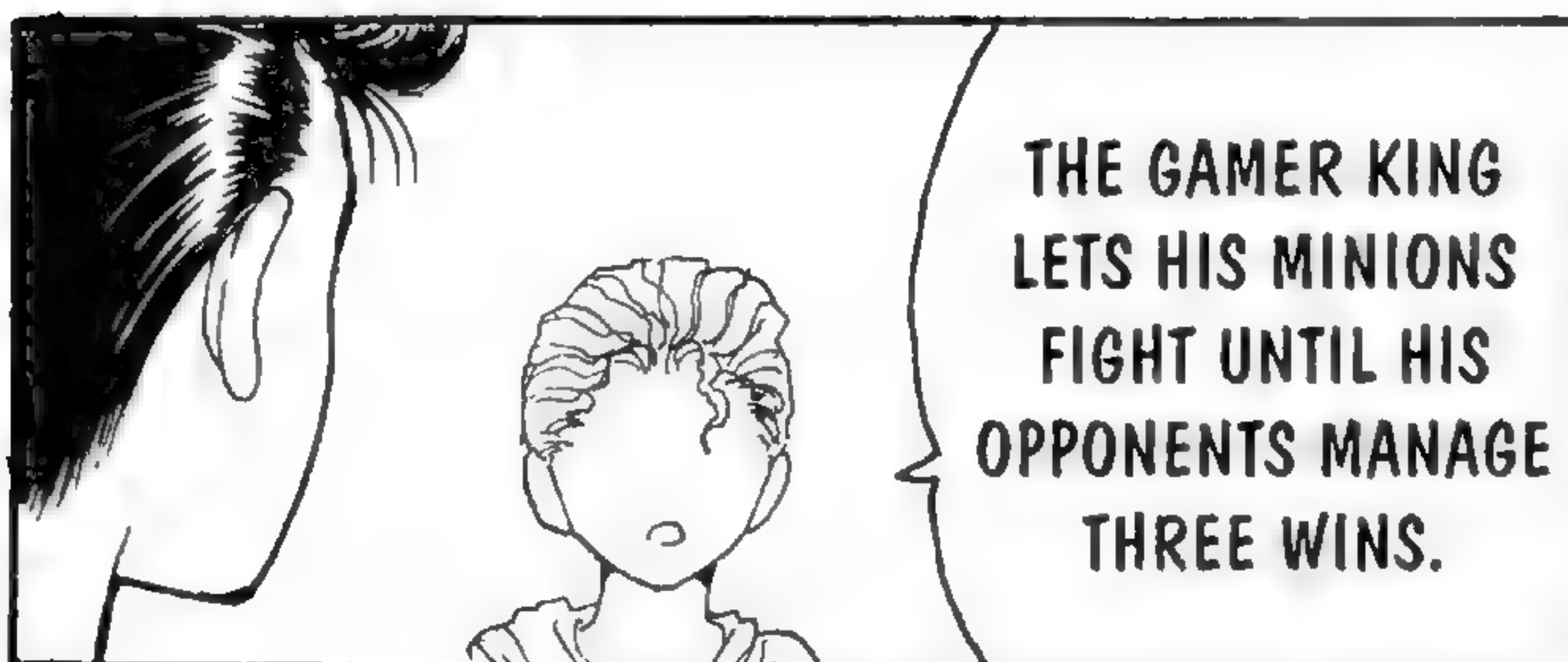


I'VE WON
SEVEN
TIMES OUT
OF 10.

I ONCE GOT
THROUGH
ALL LEVELS.



IN FACT, WE SHOULD
ASSUME WE ALL
HAVE A WHOLE NEW
CHALLENGE
AHEAD OF US.



THE GAMER KING
LETS HIS MINIONS
FIGHT UNTIL HIS
OPPONENTS MANAGE
THREE WINS.



...THOUGH I
ALWAYS ACED
THE SPORTS
CATEGORY.

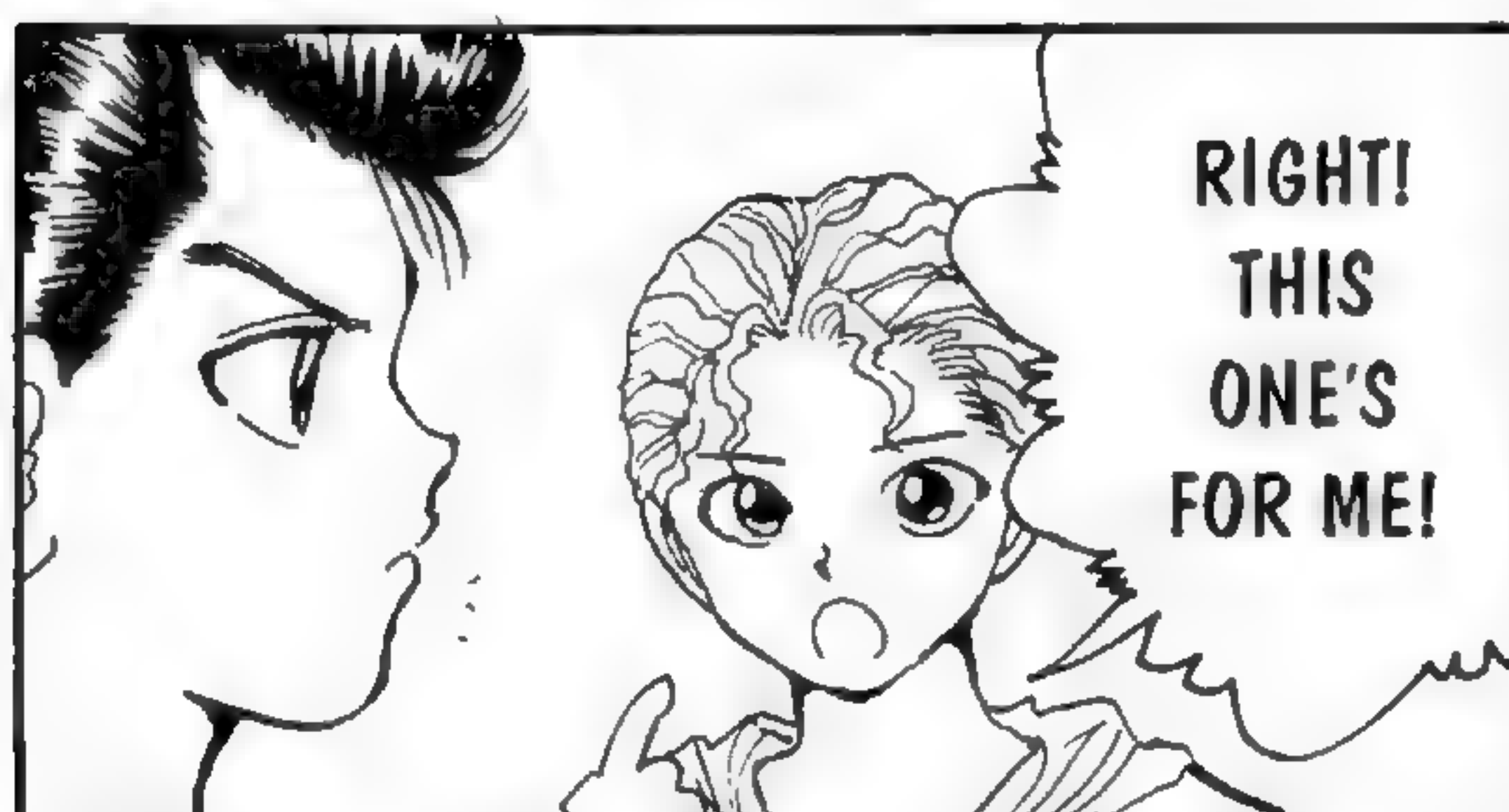
I COULD
NEVER
MANAGE
THAT MY-
SELF...



HUH?

WE WANT
THREE WINS
IN A ROW
STRAIGHT OFF.



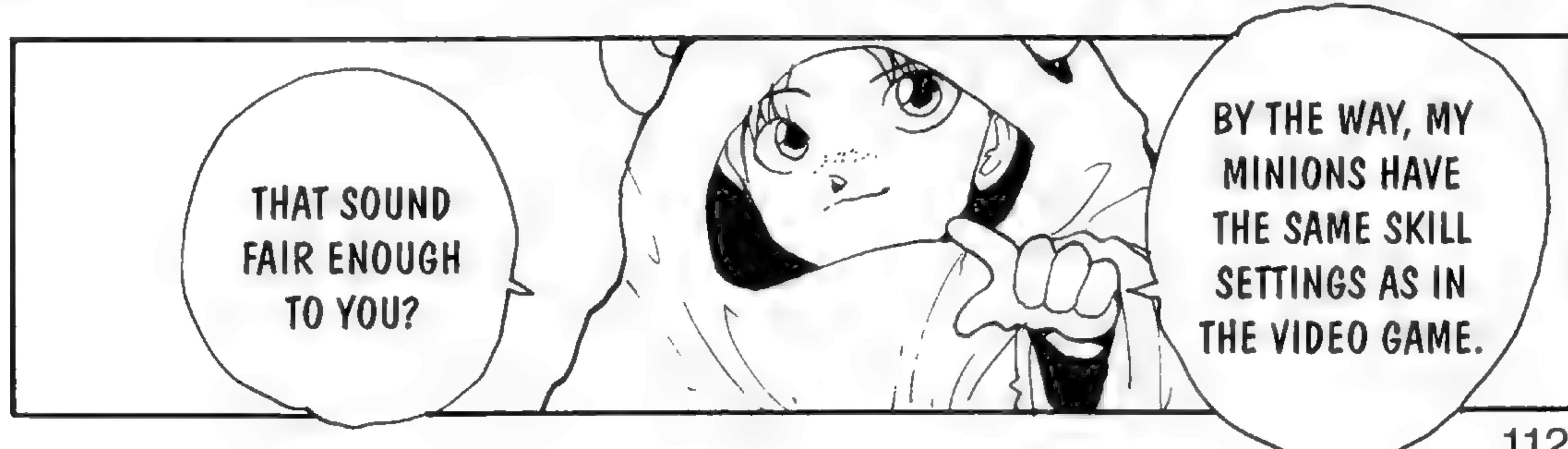
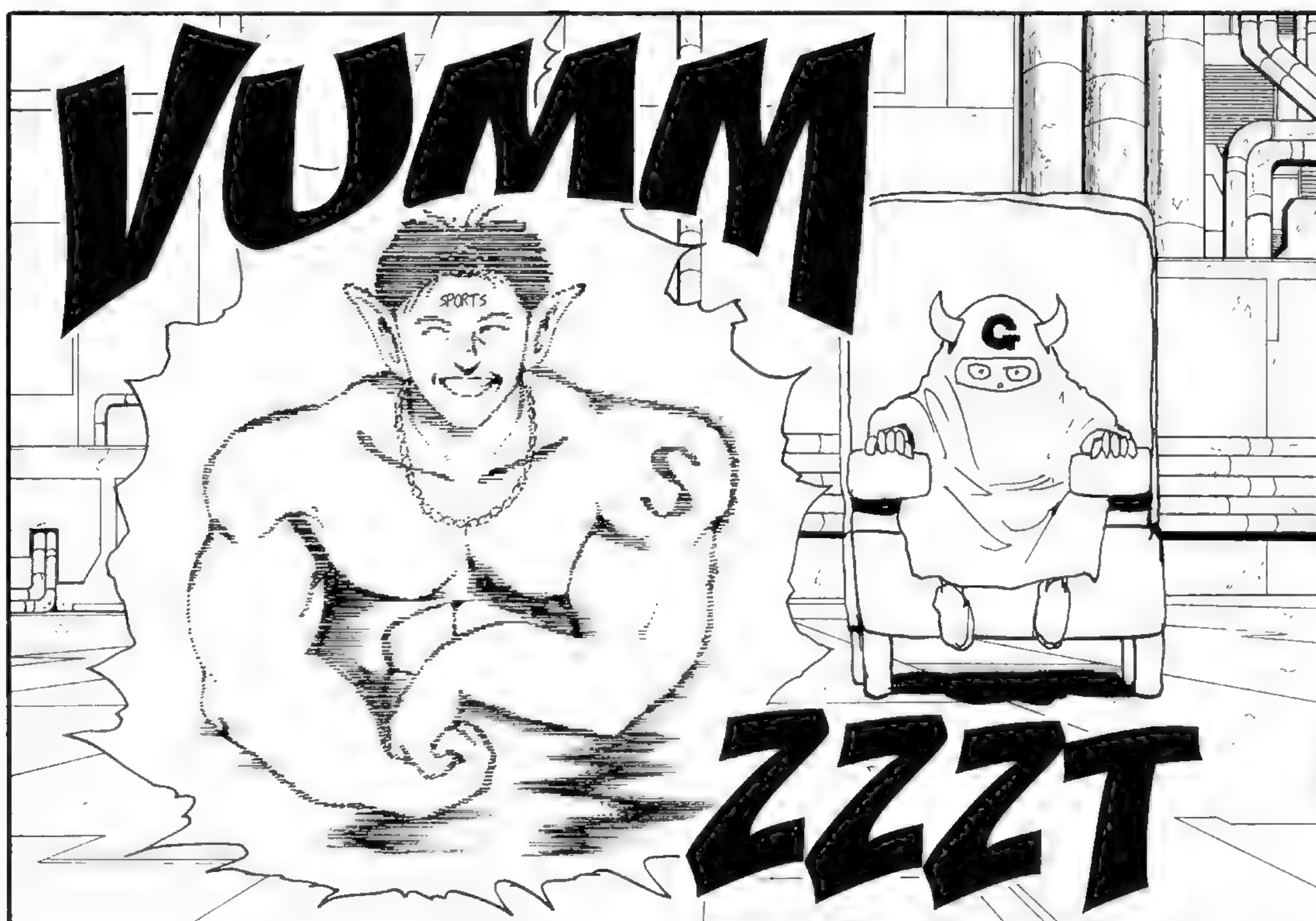


DING

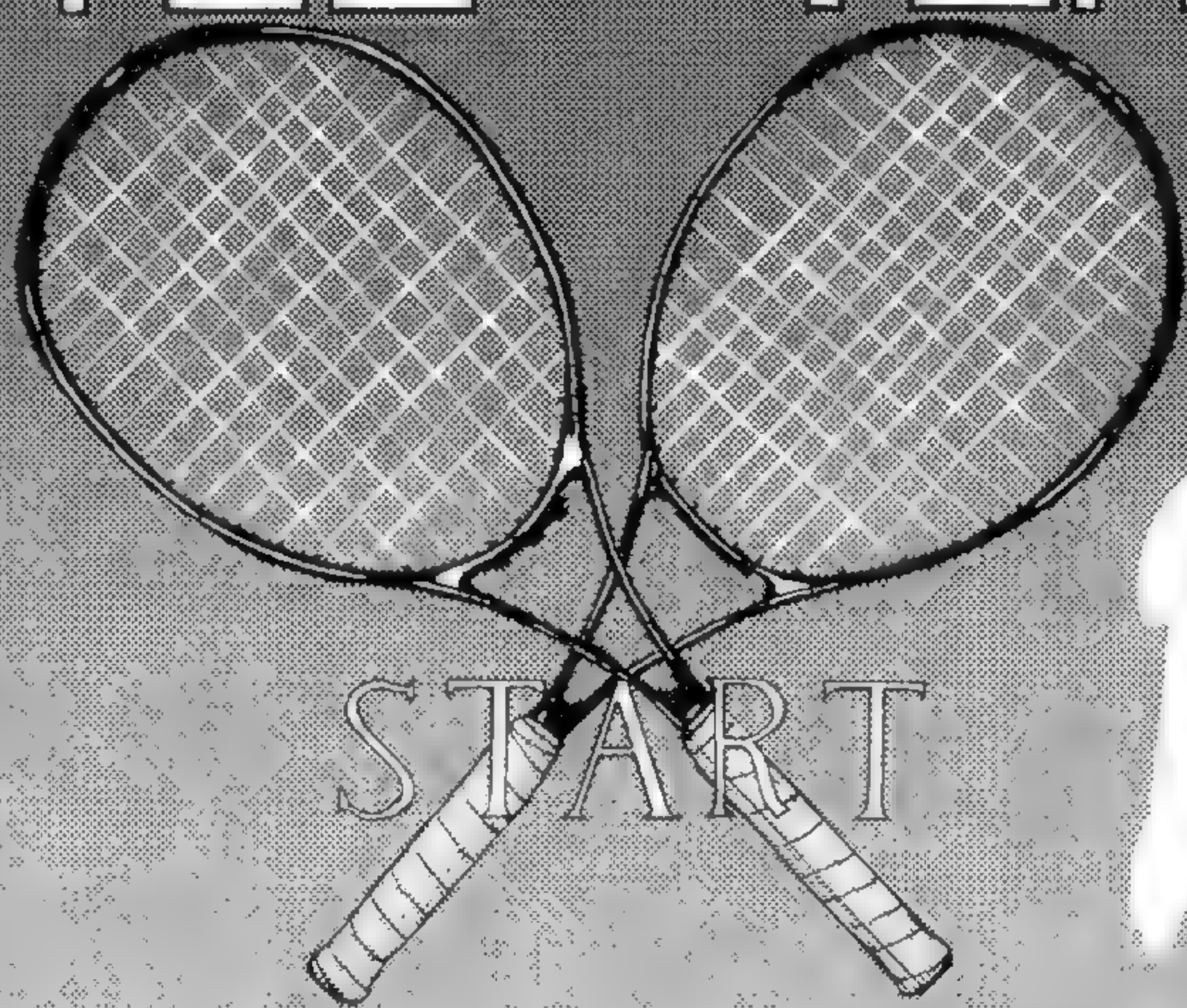
SPORTS

TENNIS

LEVEL 7



BATTLE TENNIS



BLEEP

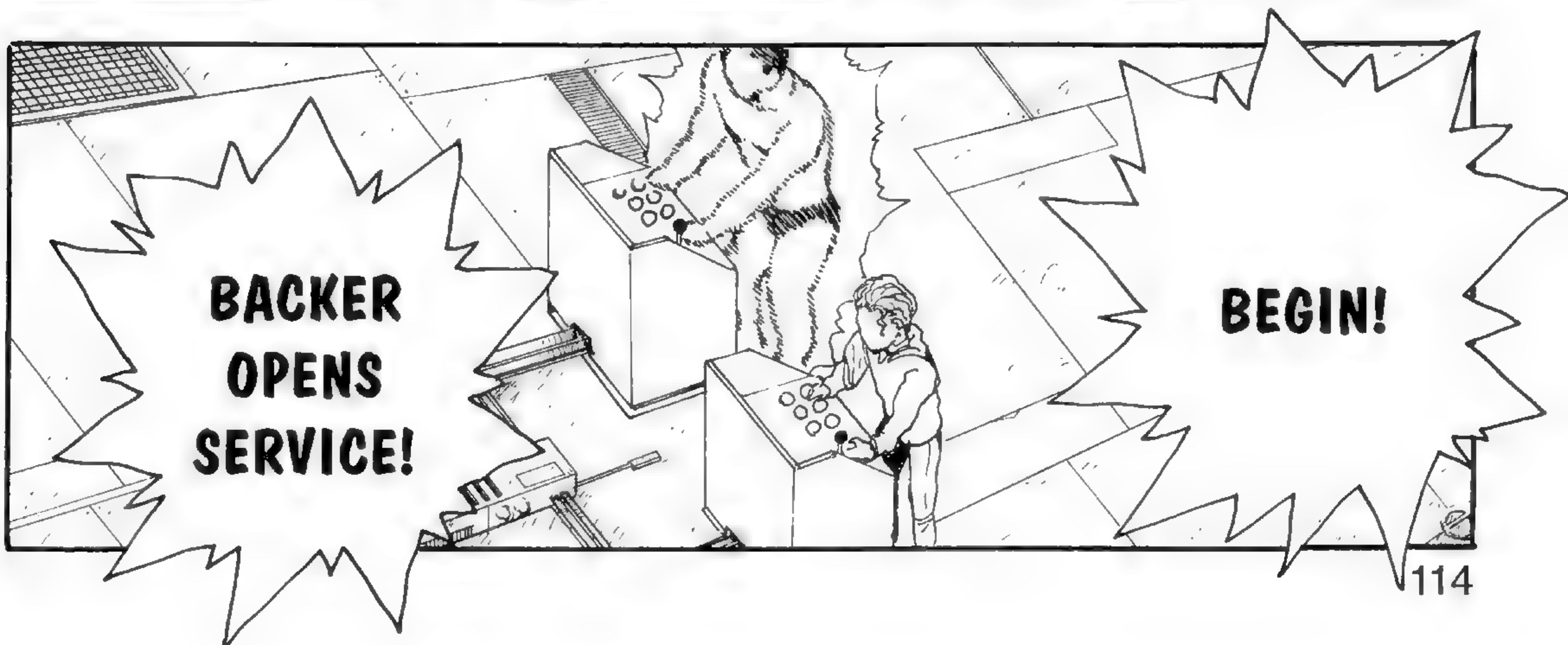
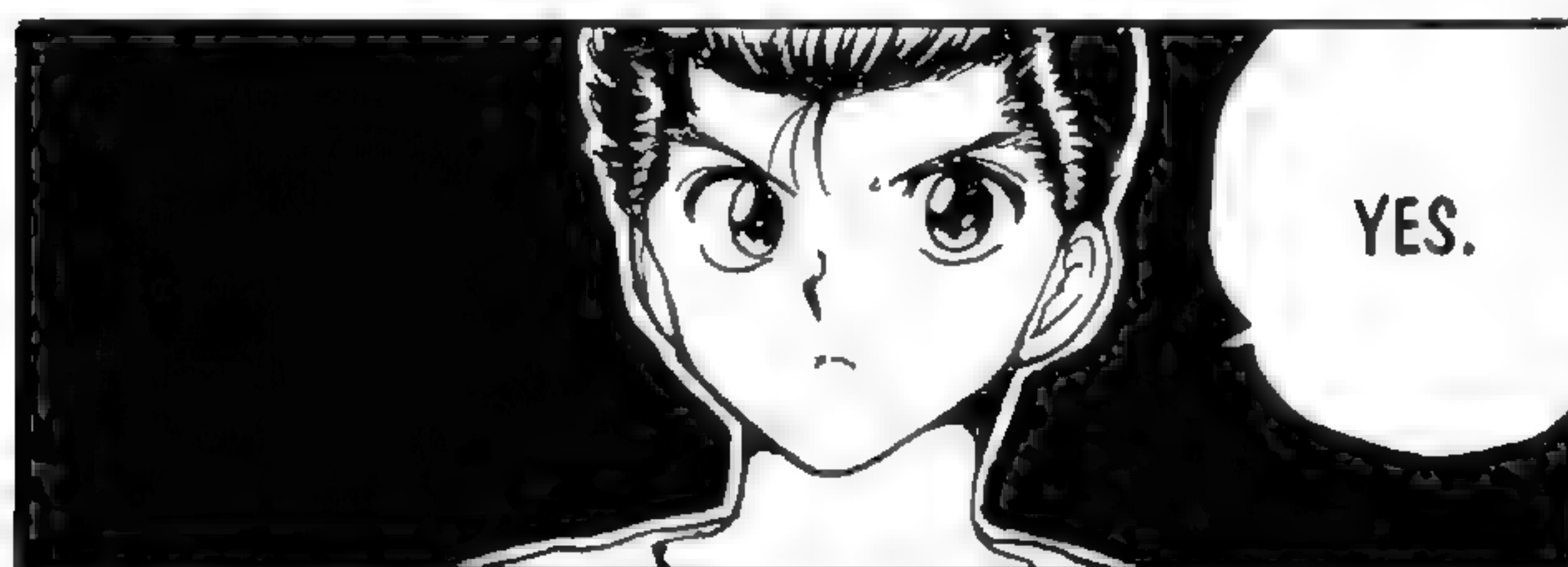
MITARAI VS. SPORTS DEMON

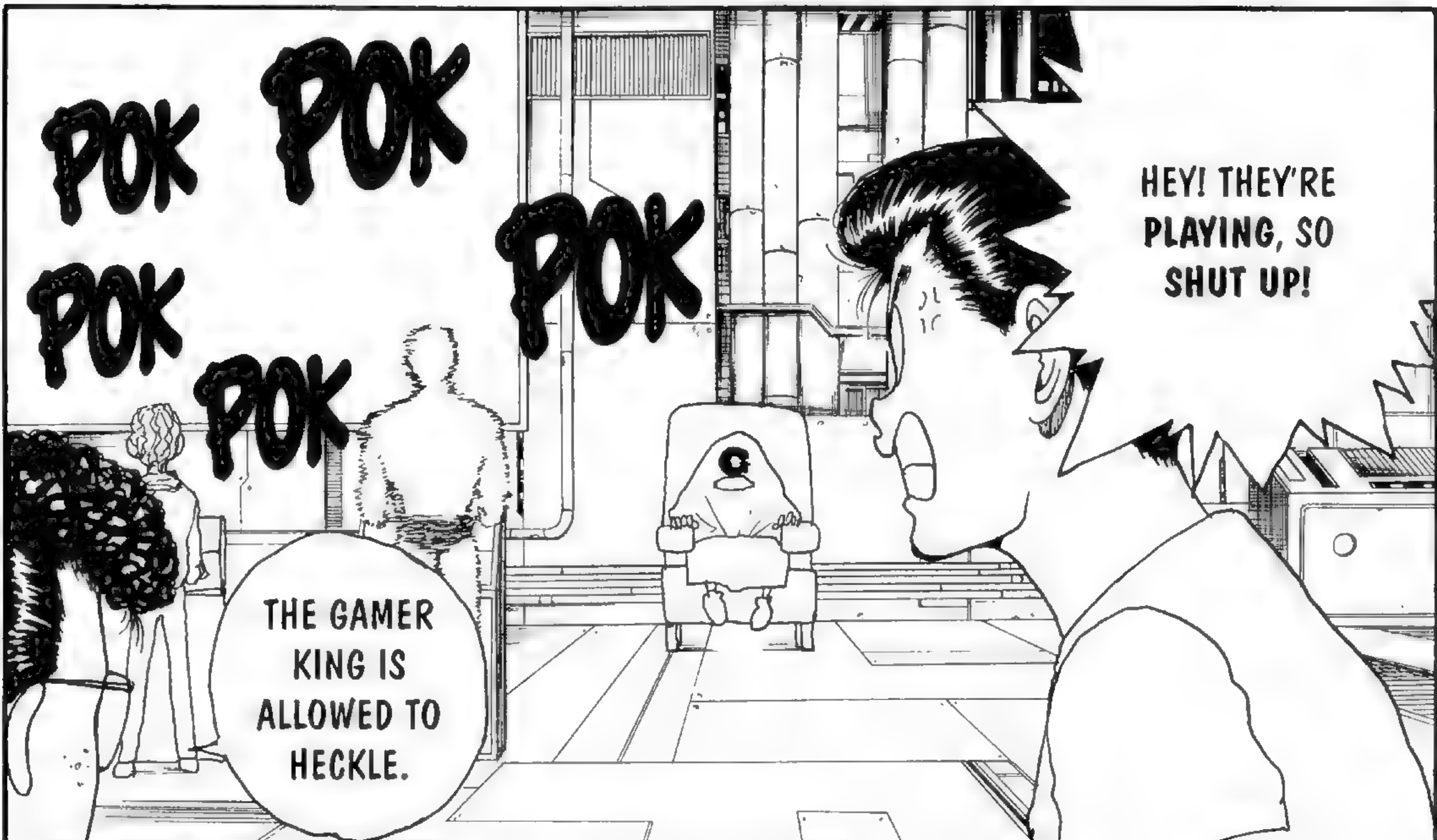
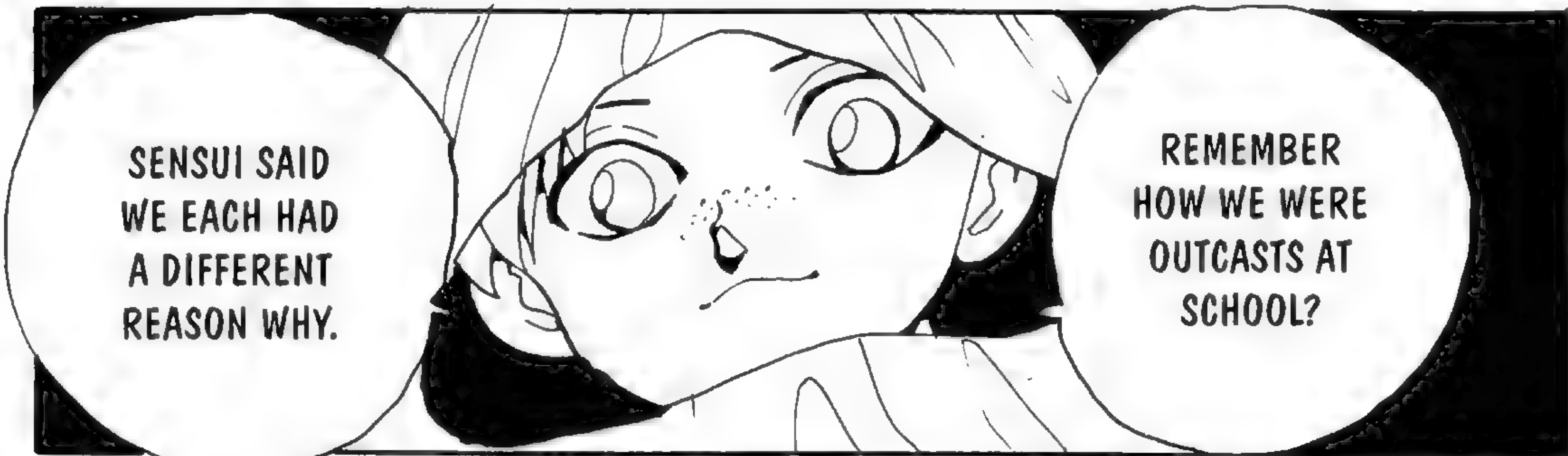
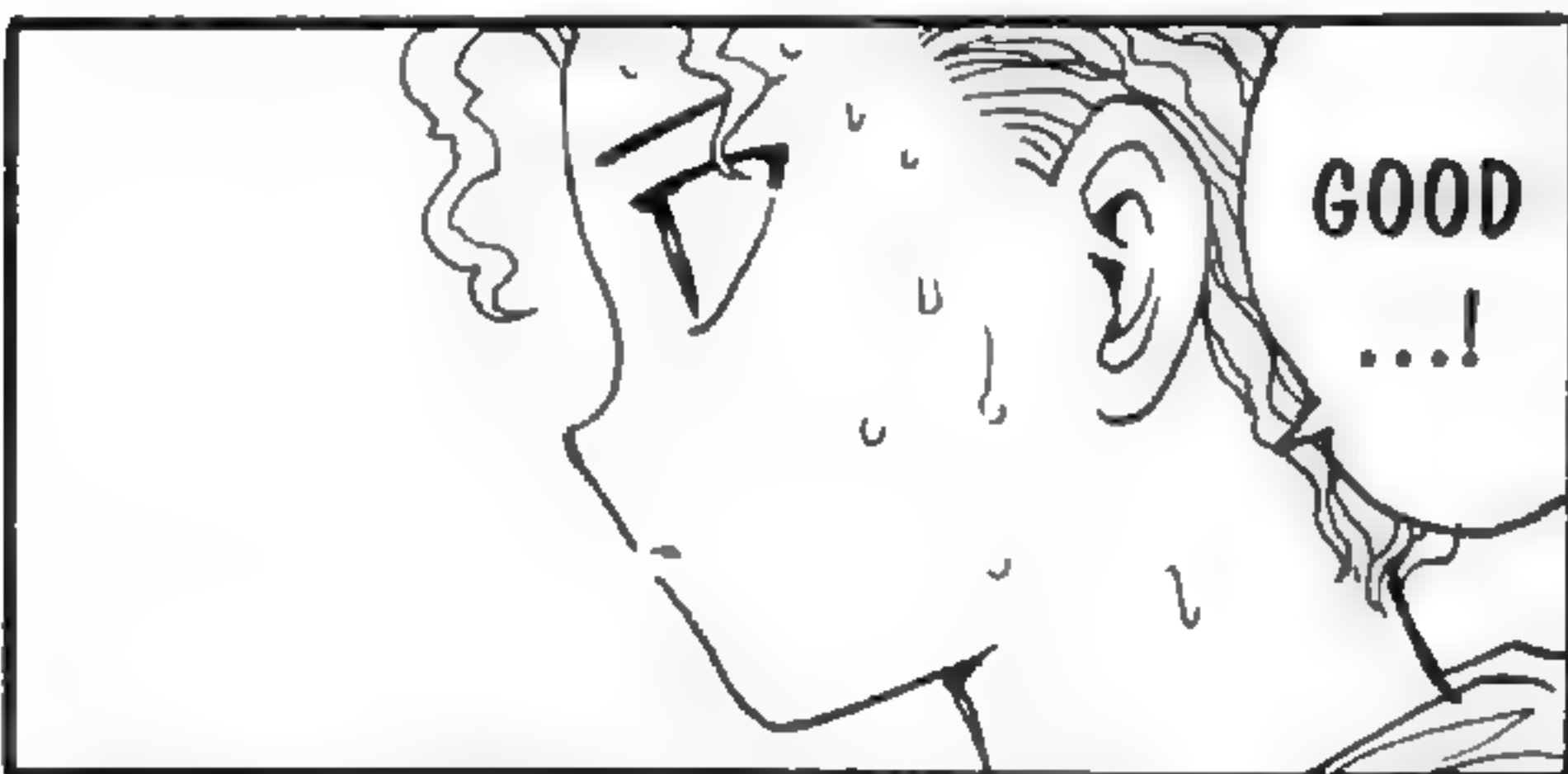
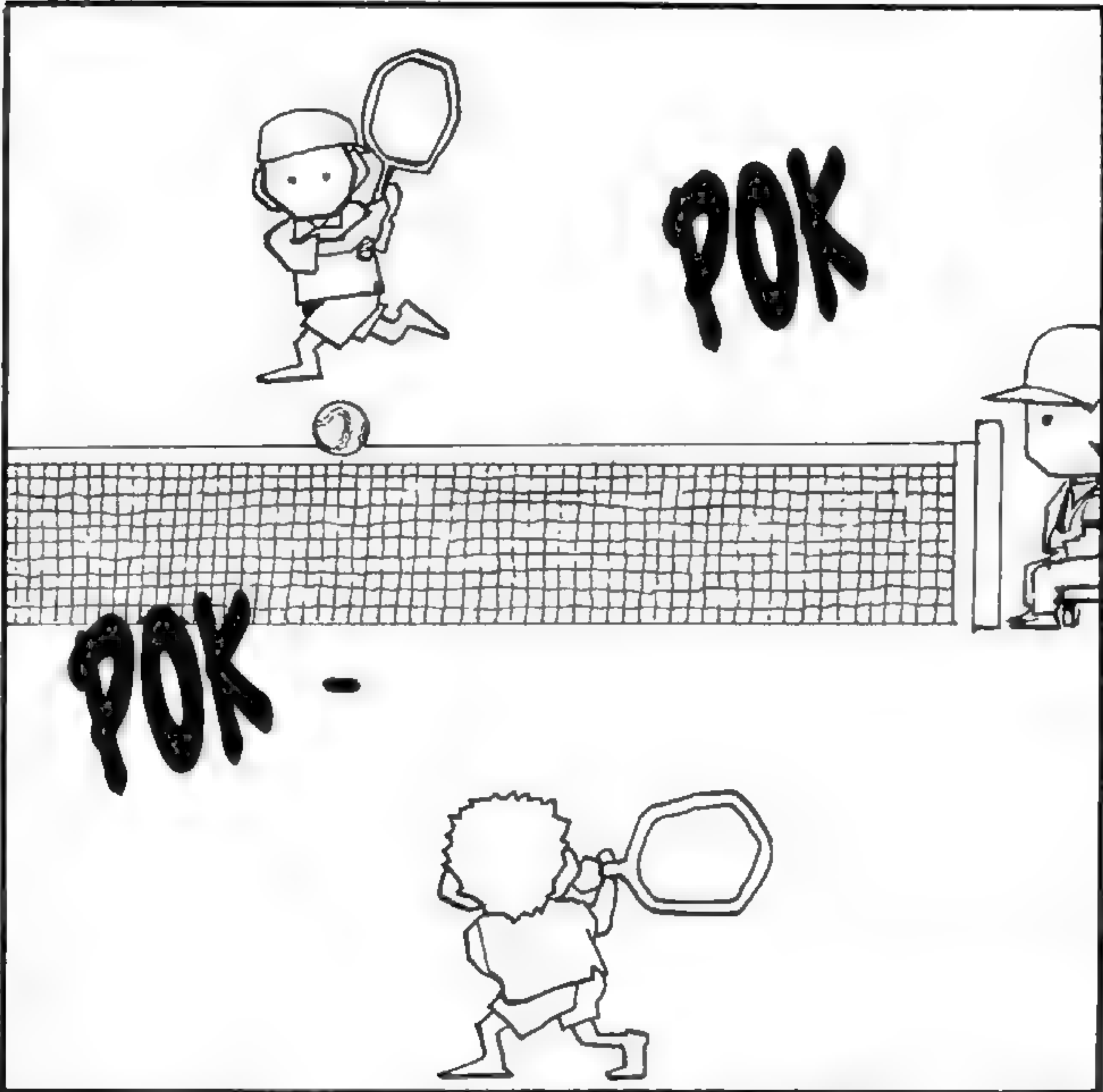
HA
HA
HA

...YOU'D
SWITCHED
SIDES.

SENSUI
TOLD
ME...

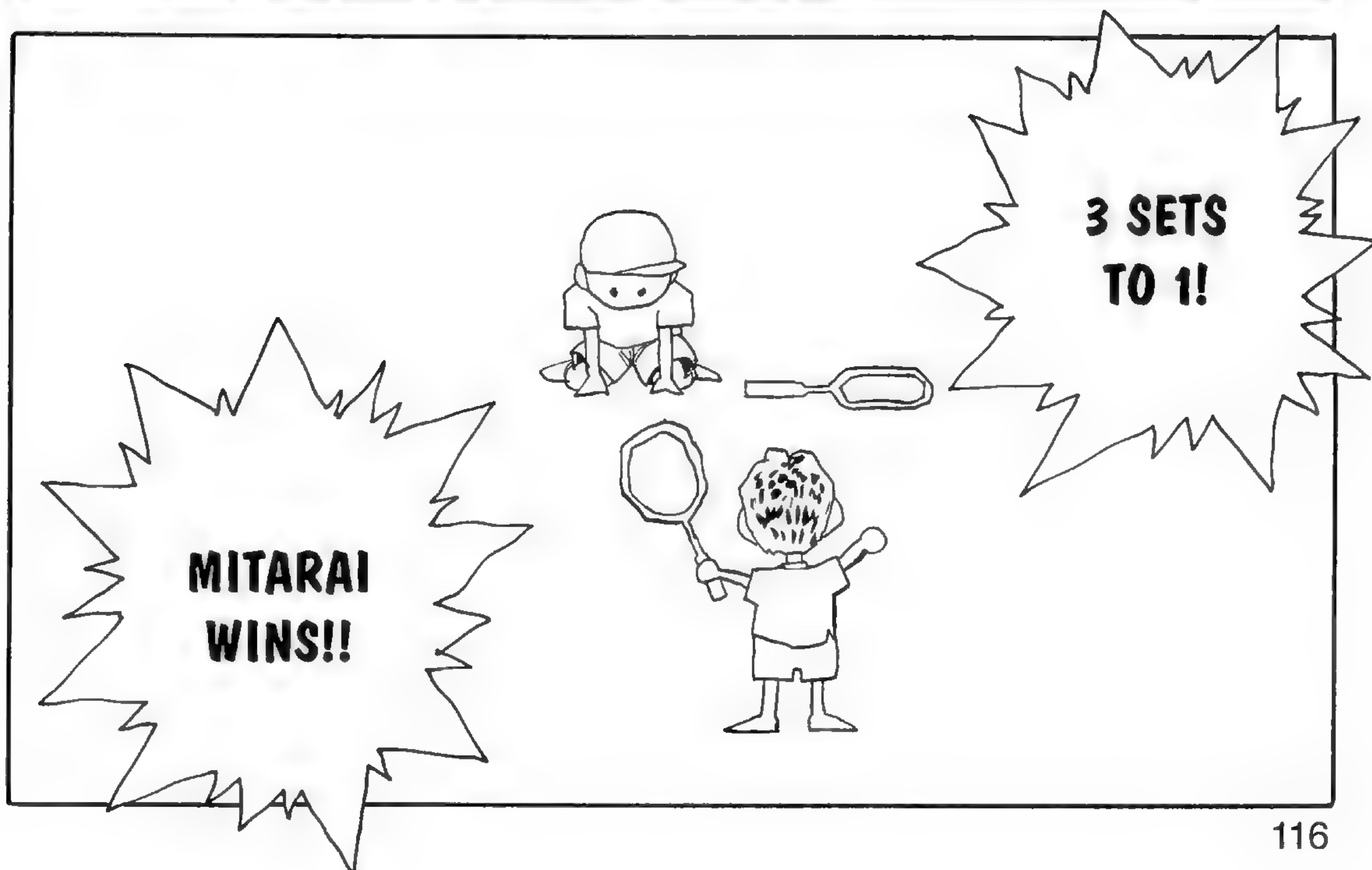
BEEN A
WHILE,
MITARAI.

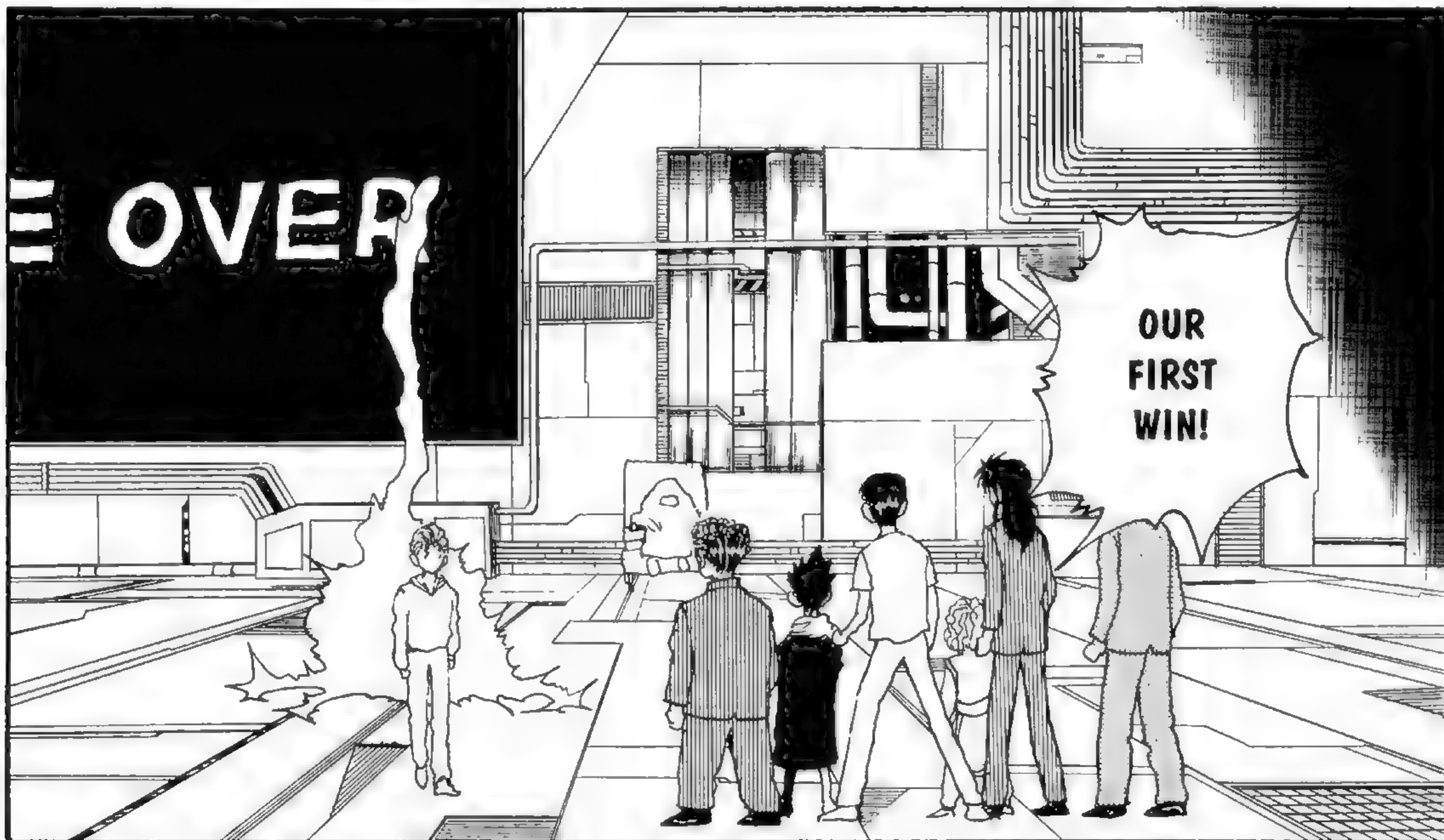
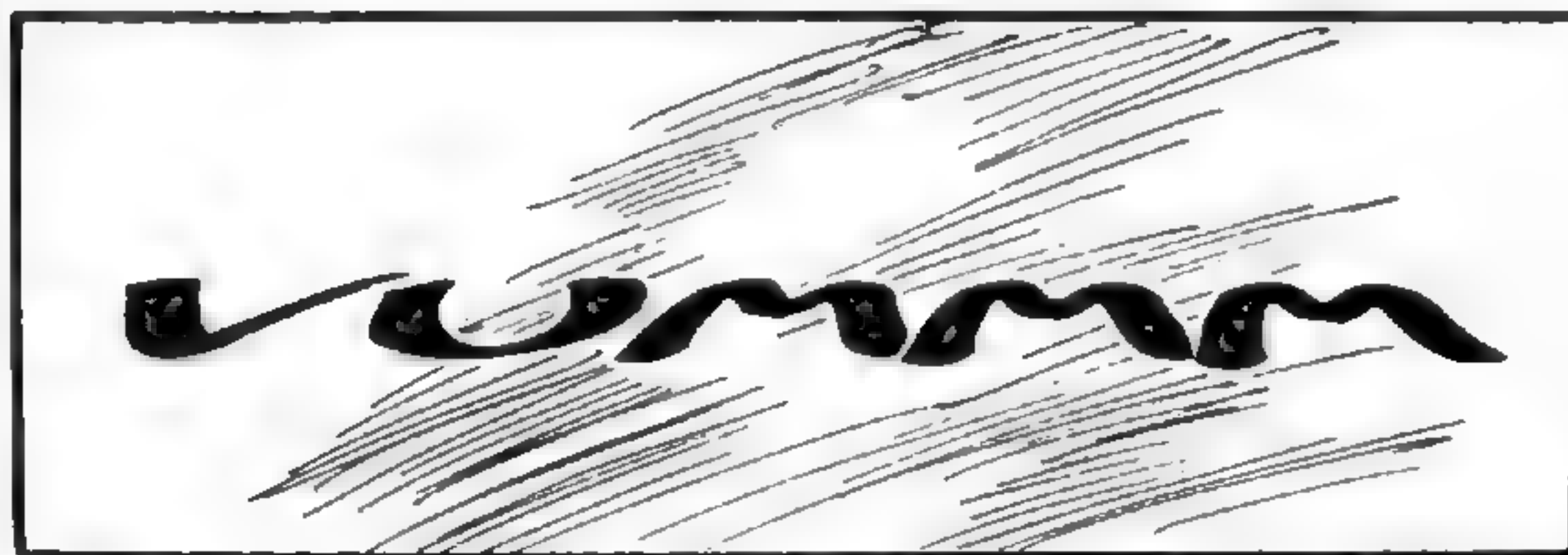


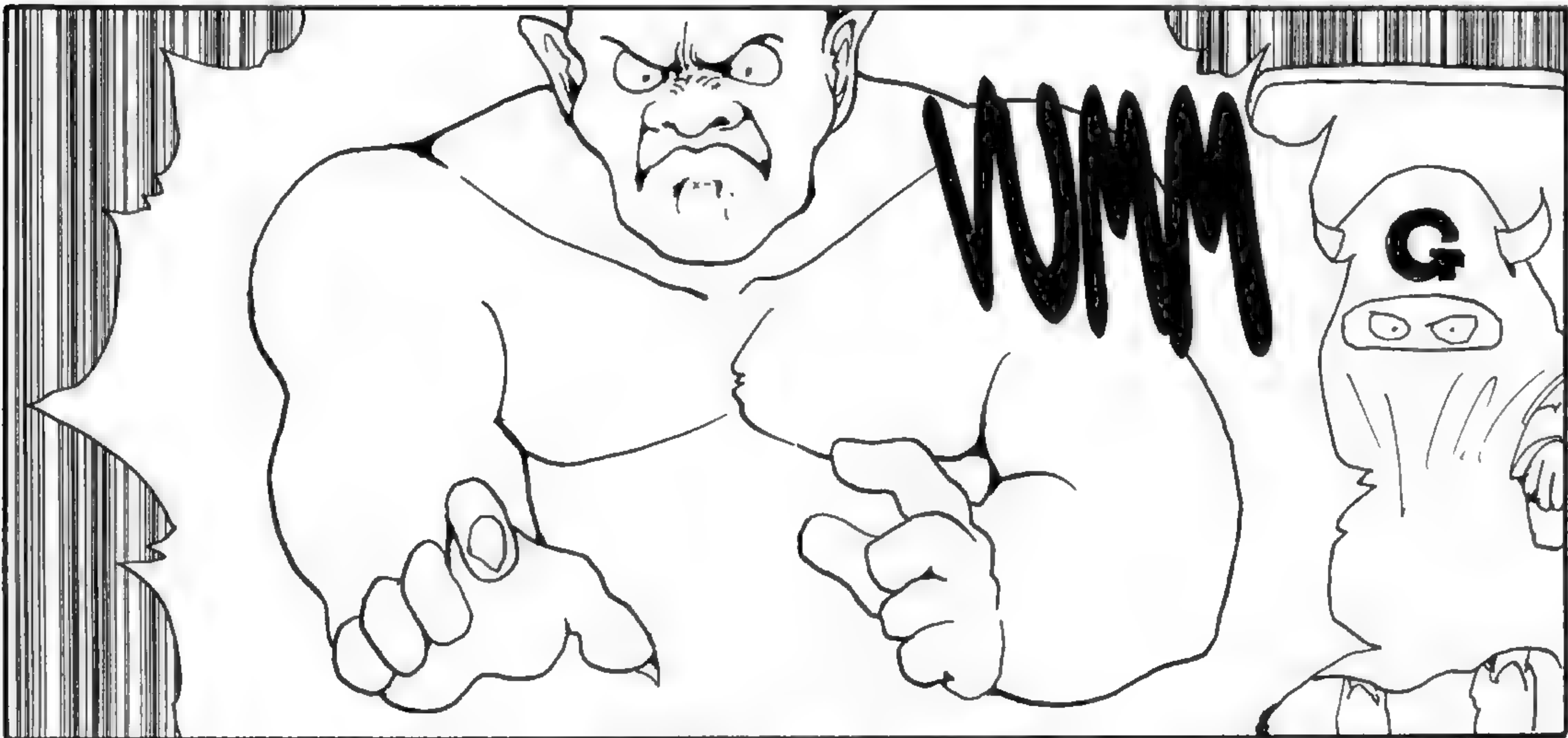
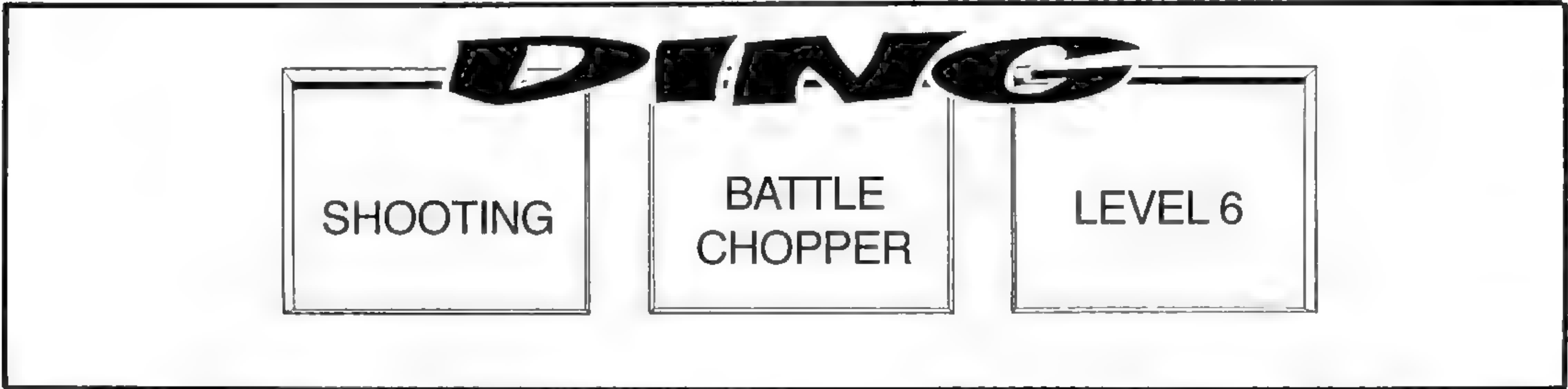
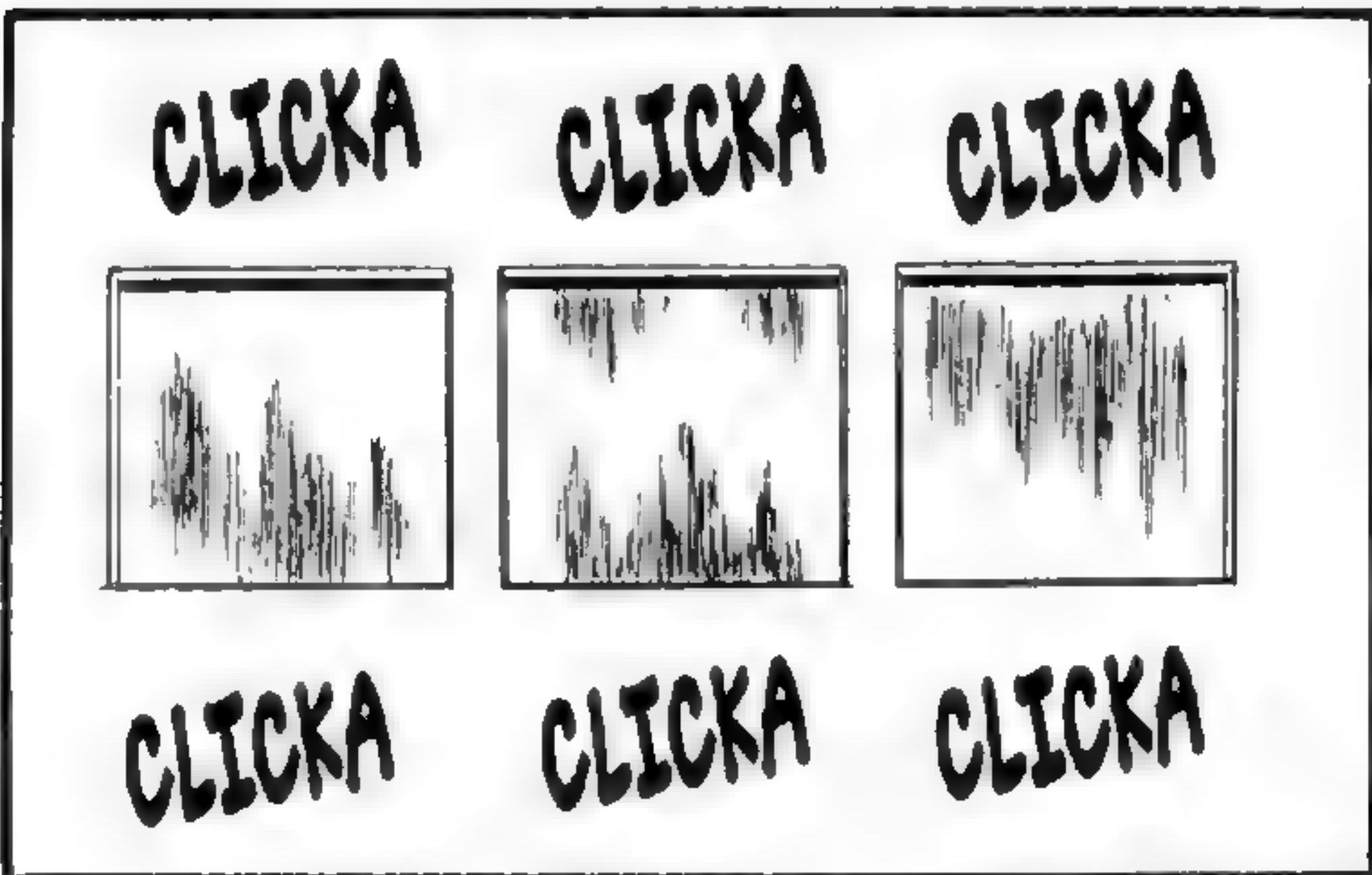
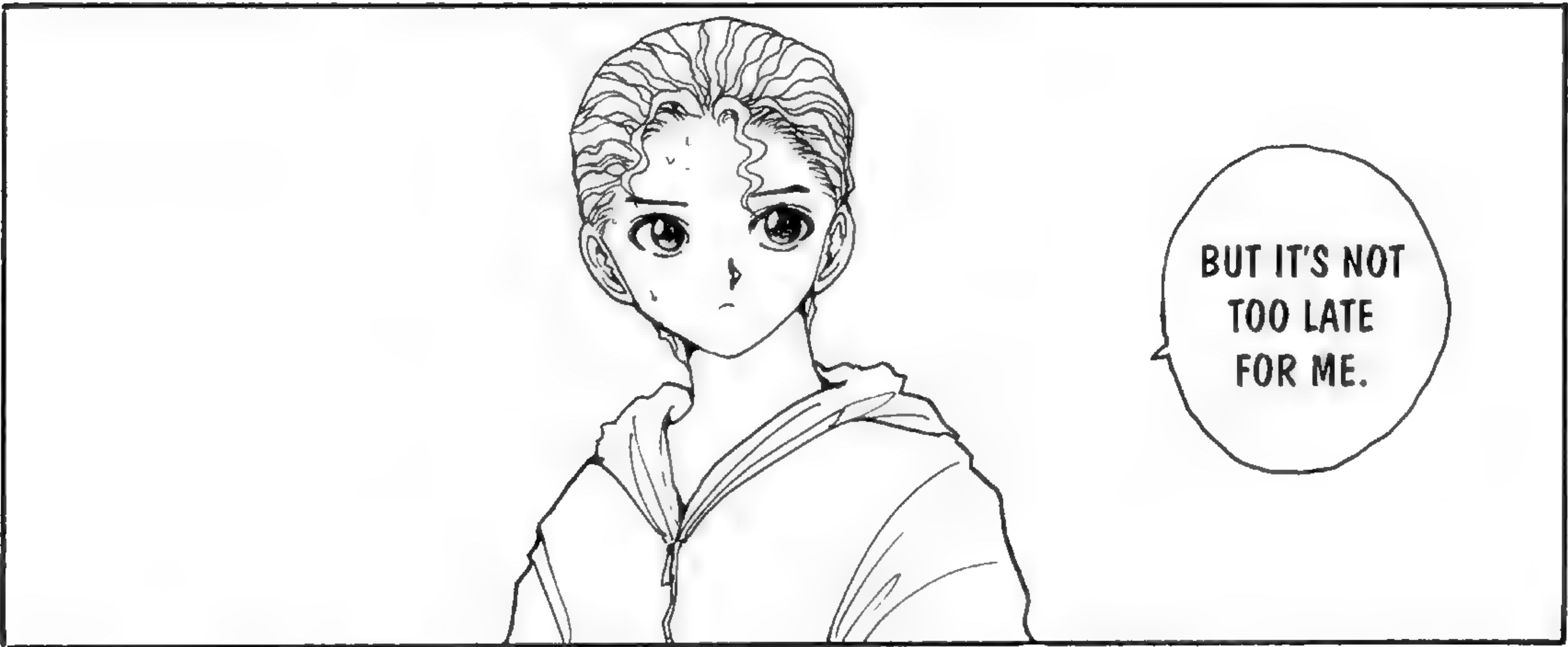




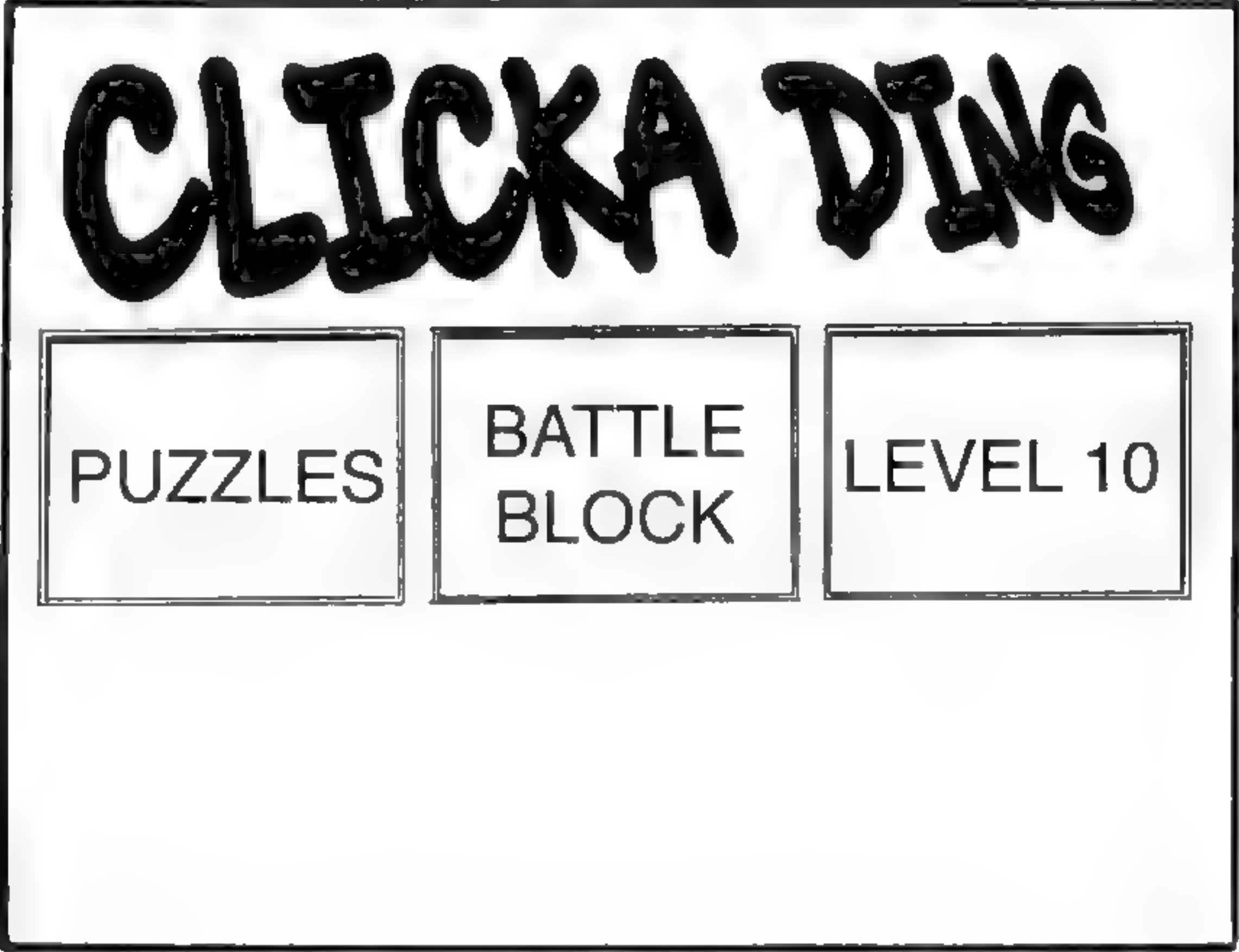
	1	2	3	4	
RENORA	6	5	6	6	30 MINUTES LATER.
BACHER	4	7	2	1	



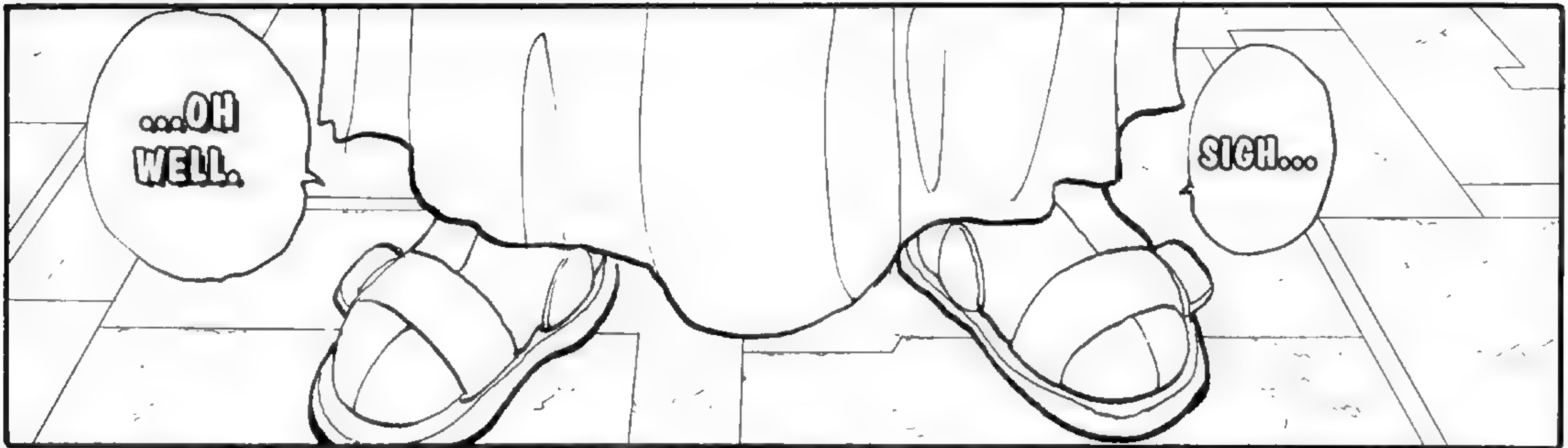


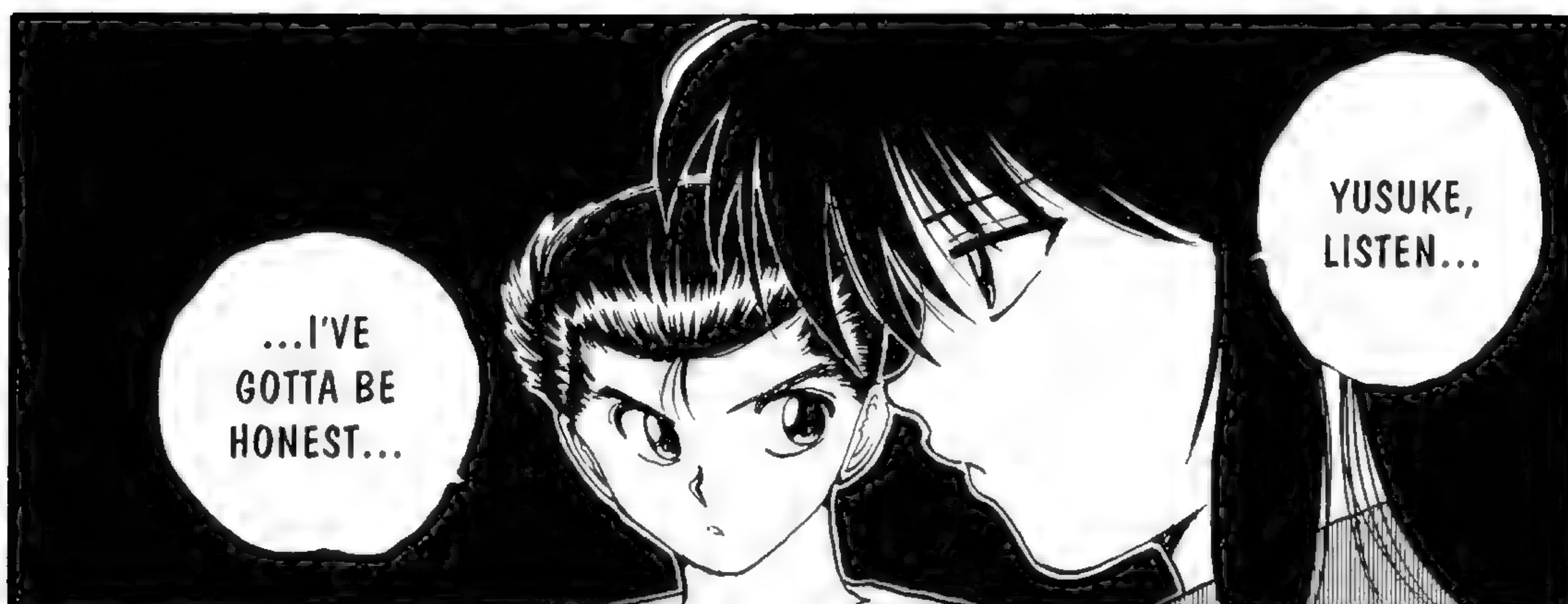


Shooting Demon









...I'VE
GOTTA BE
HONEST...

YUSUKE,
LISTEN...



THIS GUY'S
PROBABLY WAY
TOUGHER THAN
THE GAME
VERSION!

BUT I DON'T
REALLY
THINK THAT'S
GONNA BE
THE CASE.

...KAITO OR
I WILL
PROBABLY
MANAGE A
WIN.

...IF
AMANUMA
MATCHES THE
REAL GAME'S
GAMER KING...



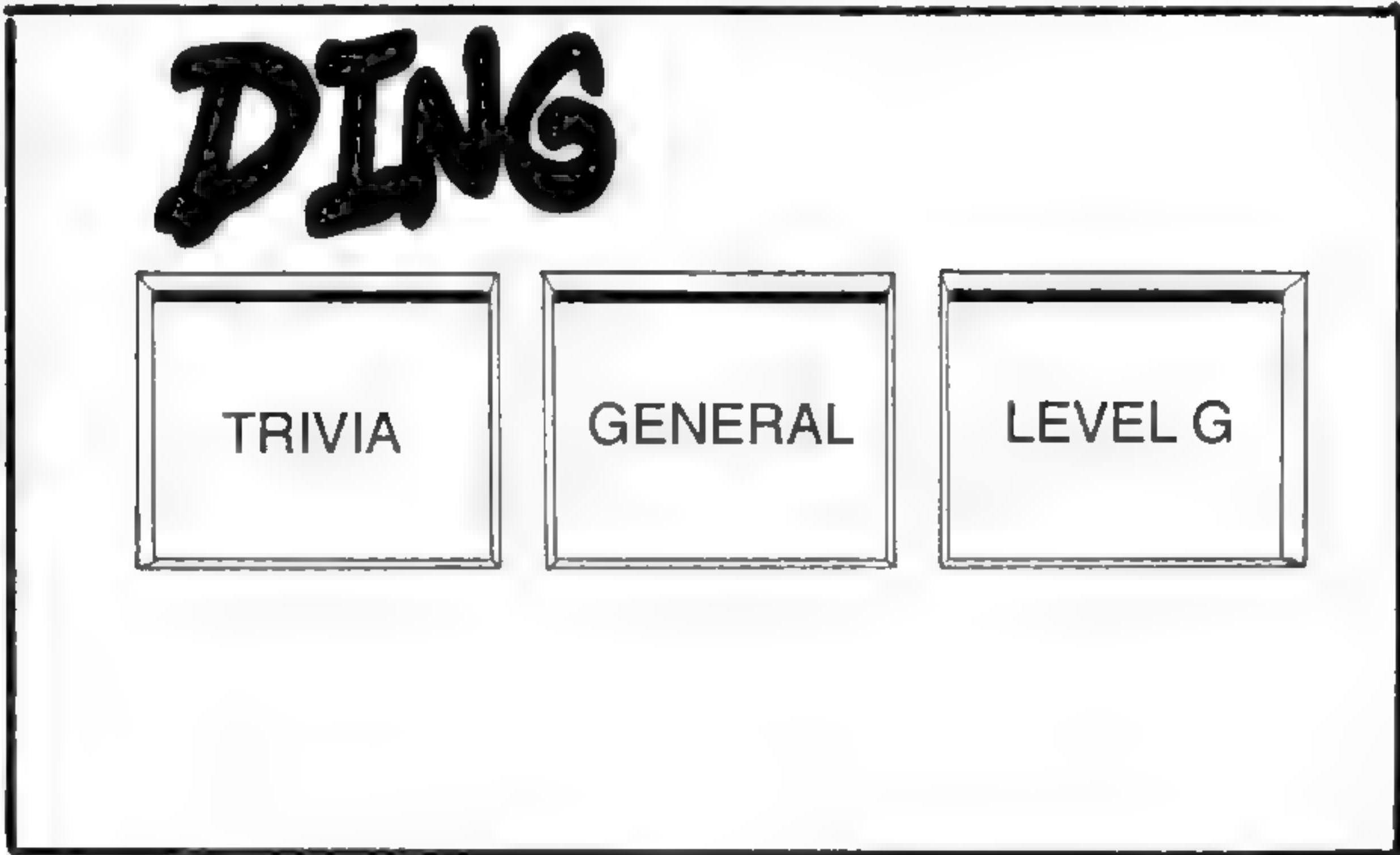
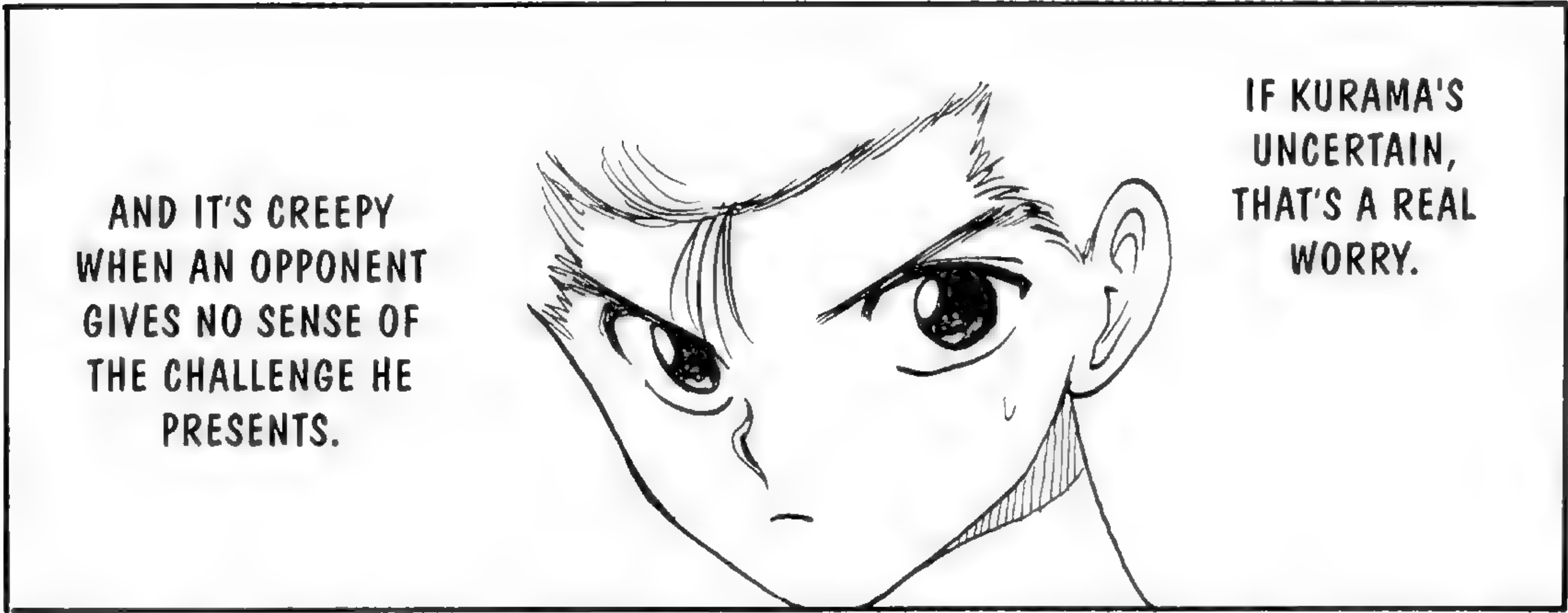
WHAT THAT
MEANS IS...

AS SUCH,
NEITHER YOU NOR
HIEI COULD BEAT
HIM. ODDS AND
EXPERIENCE ARE
AGAINST YOU.



!!

...IF KAITO AND I
LOSE, WE'LL HAVE
NO ALTERNATIVE
BUT TO BEAT A VERY
HASTY RETREAT.





WHAT IF WE LOSE?!

TRIVIA

GENERAL

LEVEL G

DING

TRIVIA THAT
GUY INTO
NEXT
TUESDAY,
KAITO!!

ONE MORE
AND WE
WIN!!

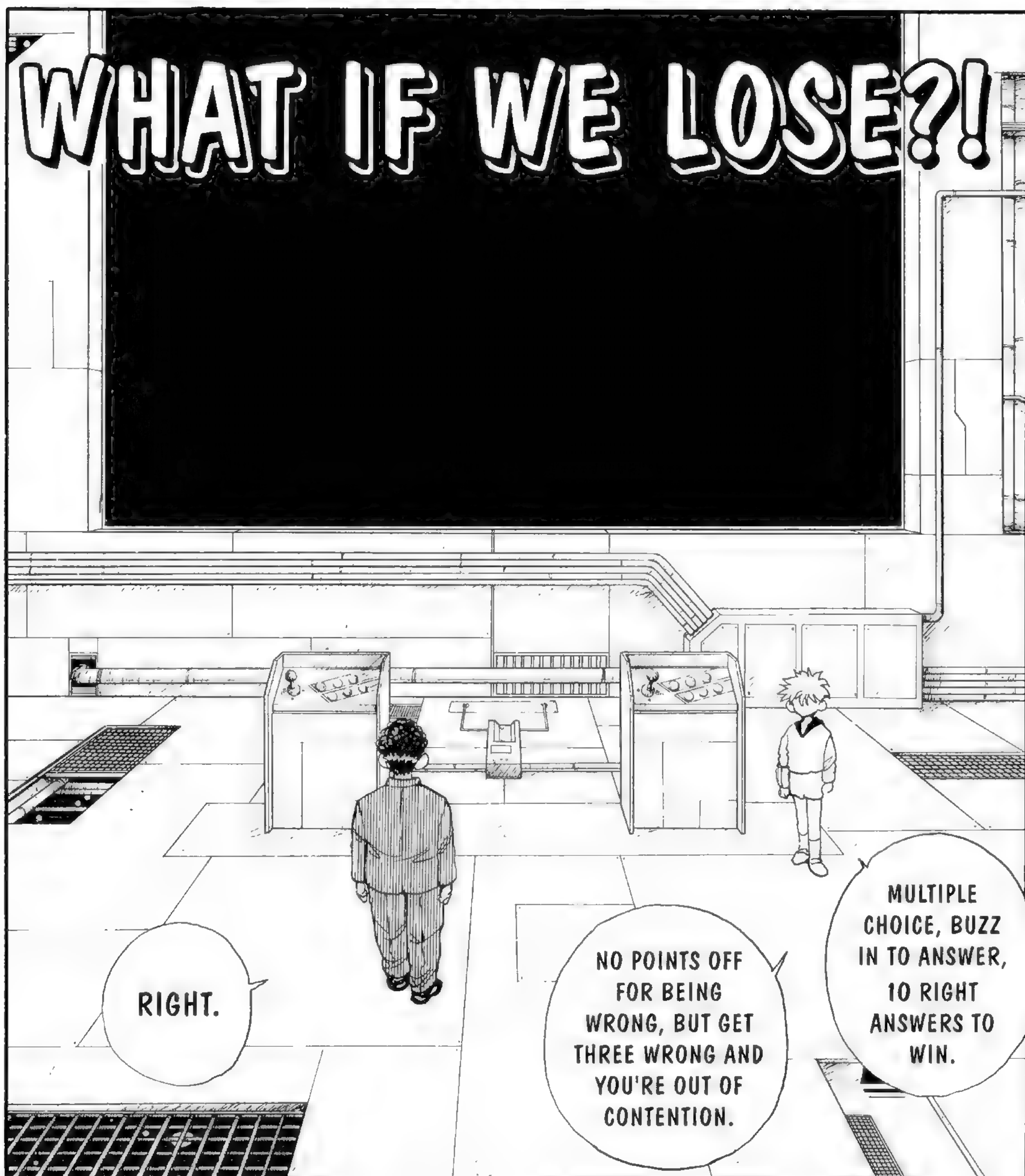
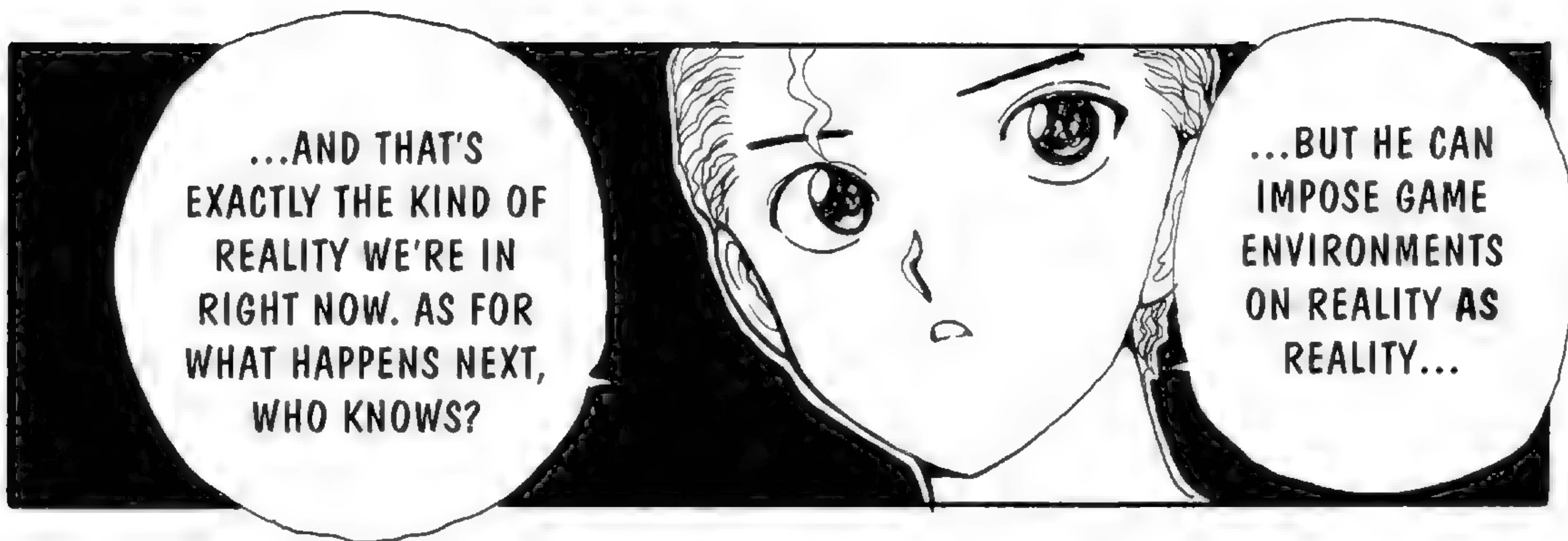
WHAT CAN
YOU TELL US
ABOUT HIS
ABILITY,
MITARAI?

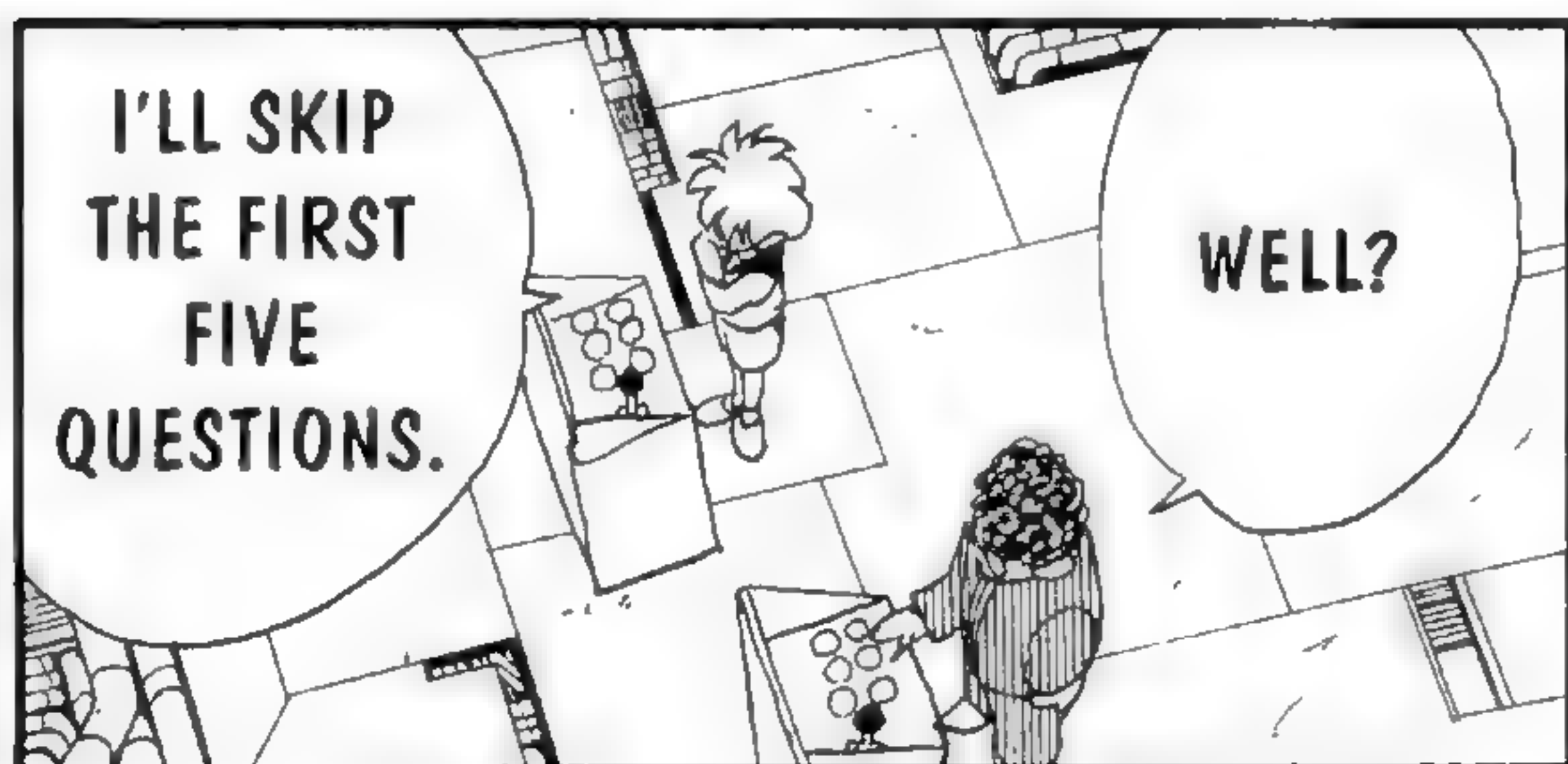
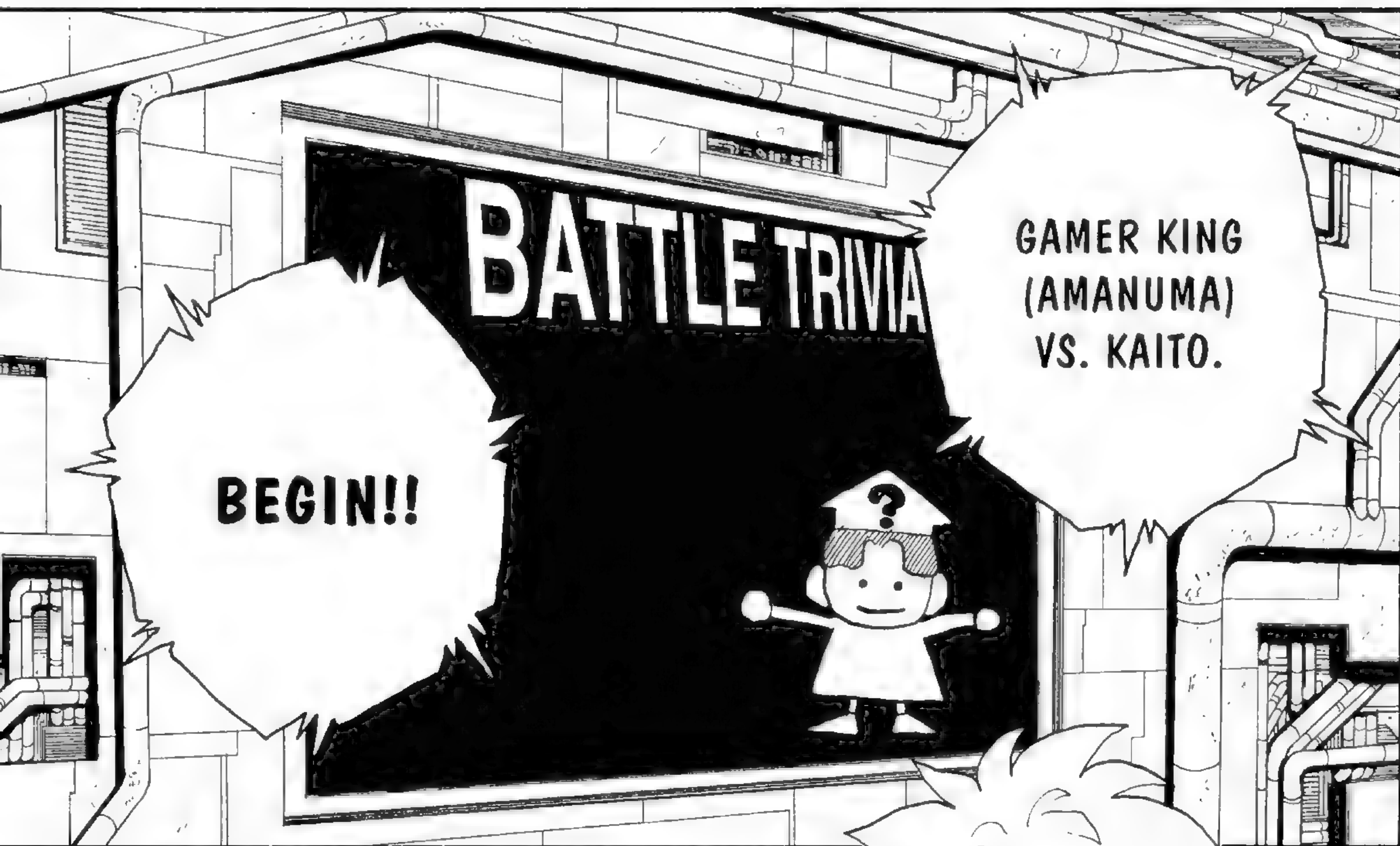
HE
SEEMS QUITE
CONFIDENT.

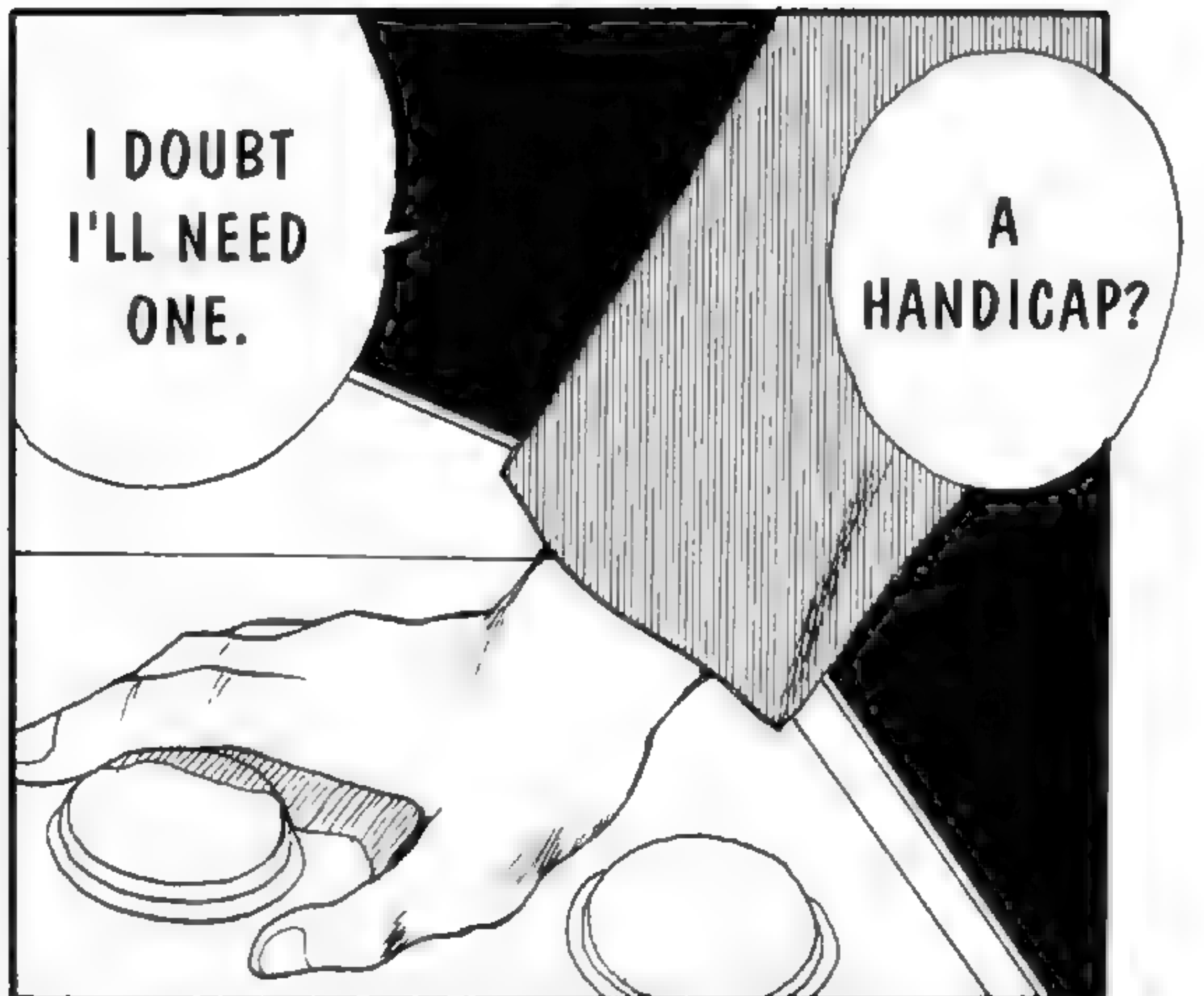
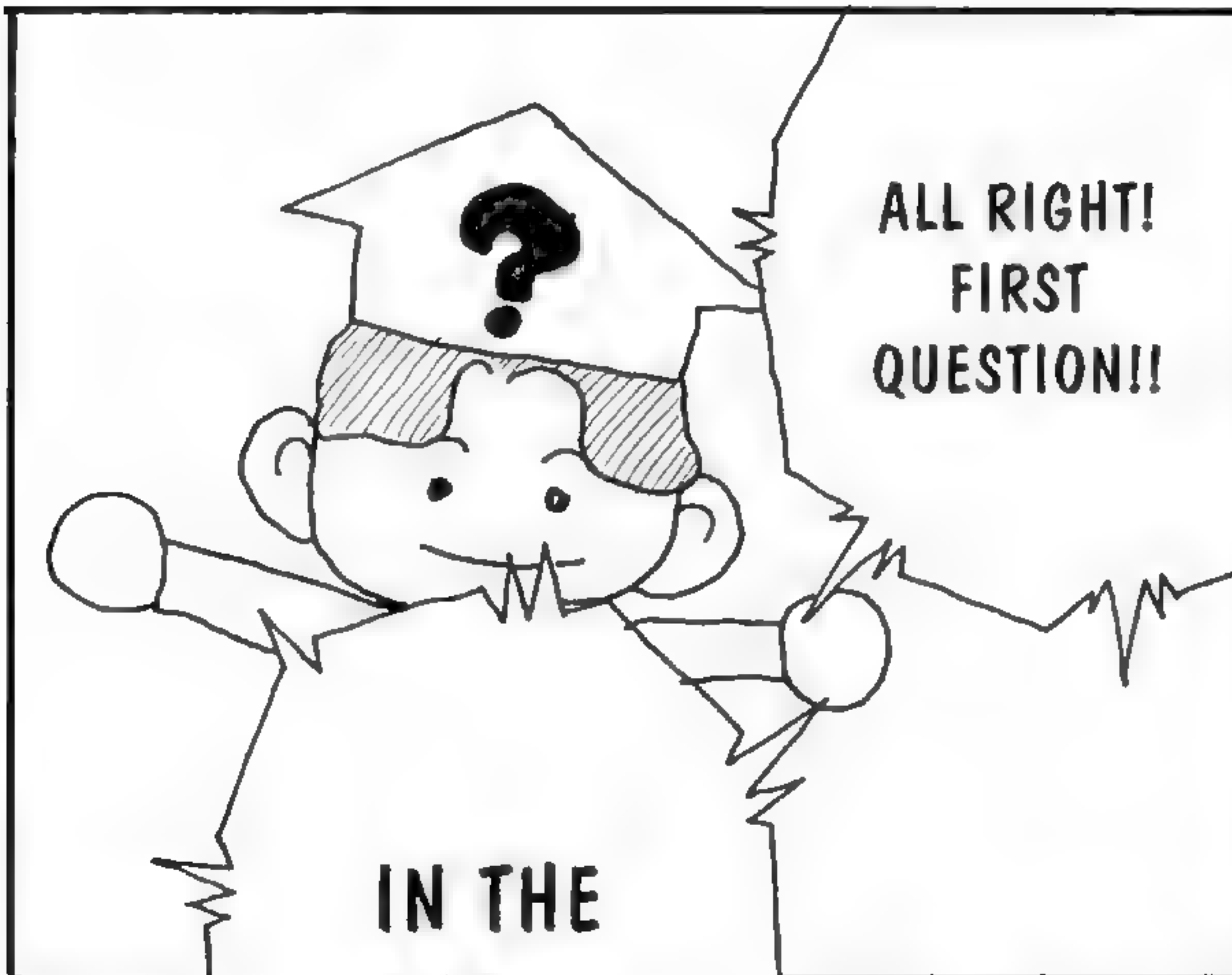
WELL, I'VE
NEVER REALLY
SEEN IT IN
ACTION...

...









Q1: IN THE AMA

- A PIROROCA
- B PAROROCA
- C POROROCA
- D PEROROCA

Blip



Q1: IN THE AMA

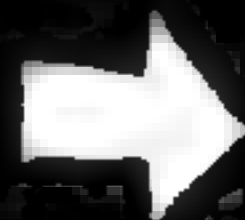
A PIROROCA

B PAROROCA

C POROROCA

D PEROROCA

BLIP



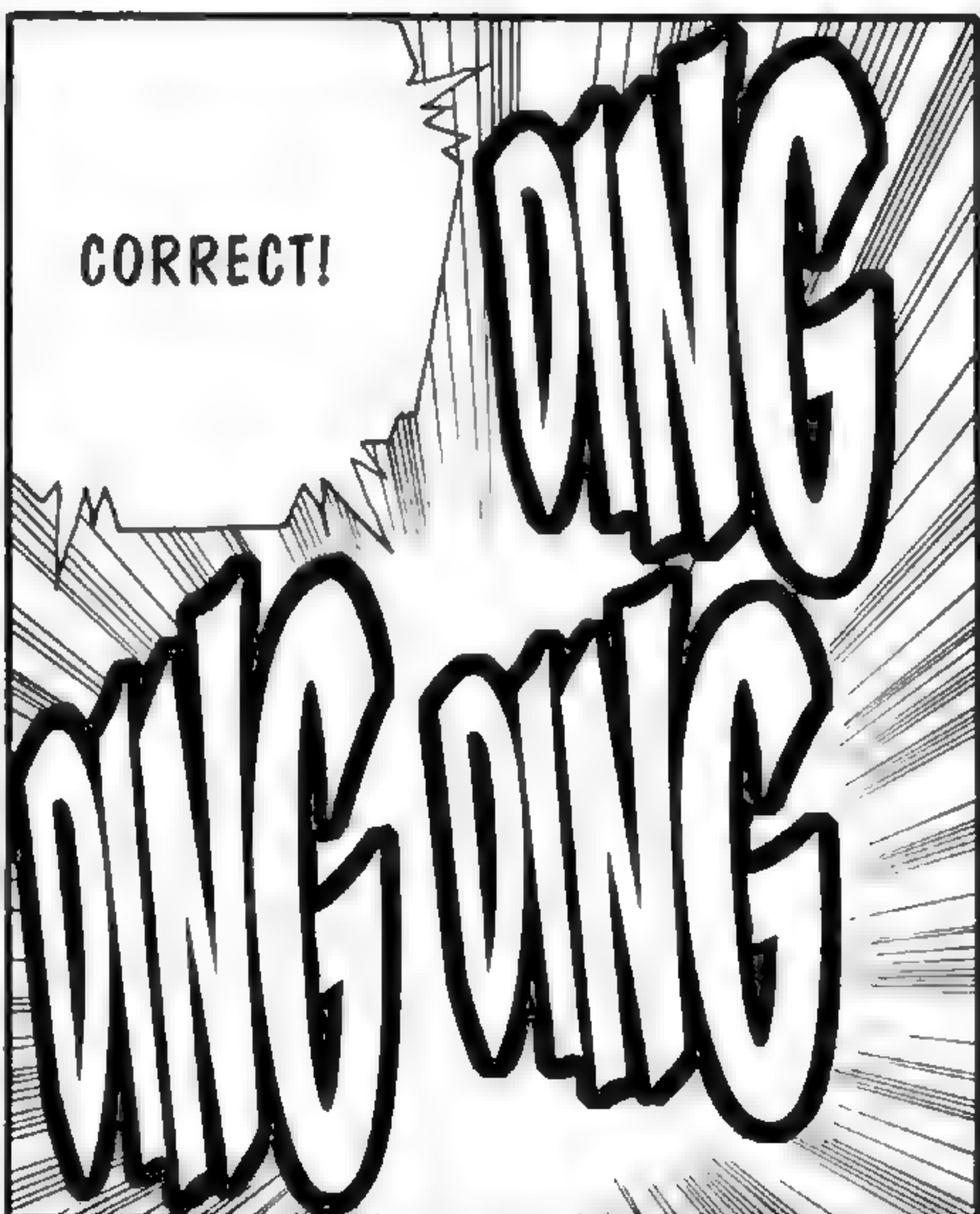
HE KNEW THE
ANSWER LESS
THAN THREE
WORDS INTO
THE QUESTION?!



SIMPLE PROCESS OF
ELIMINATION. THERE ARE
17,000 QUESTIONS IN BATTLE
TRIVIA GENERAL, ONLY THREE
OF WHICH BEGIN WITH
"IN THE AMAZON."



CORRECT!



QUESTION 1:
IN THE AMAZON,
WATER IN THE RIO
ARAGUARI AT TIMES
RUSHES UPSTREAM.
WHAT IS THIS
NATURAL PHENOMENON
CALLED?

ANSWER: POROROCA

THE ANSWERS
ARE POROROCA,
PIRANHA,
AND THE
TRANS-AMAZON
HIGHWAY.

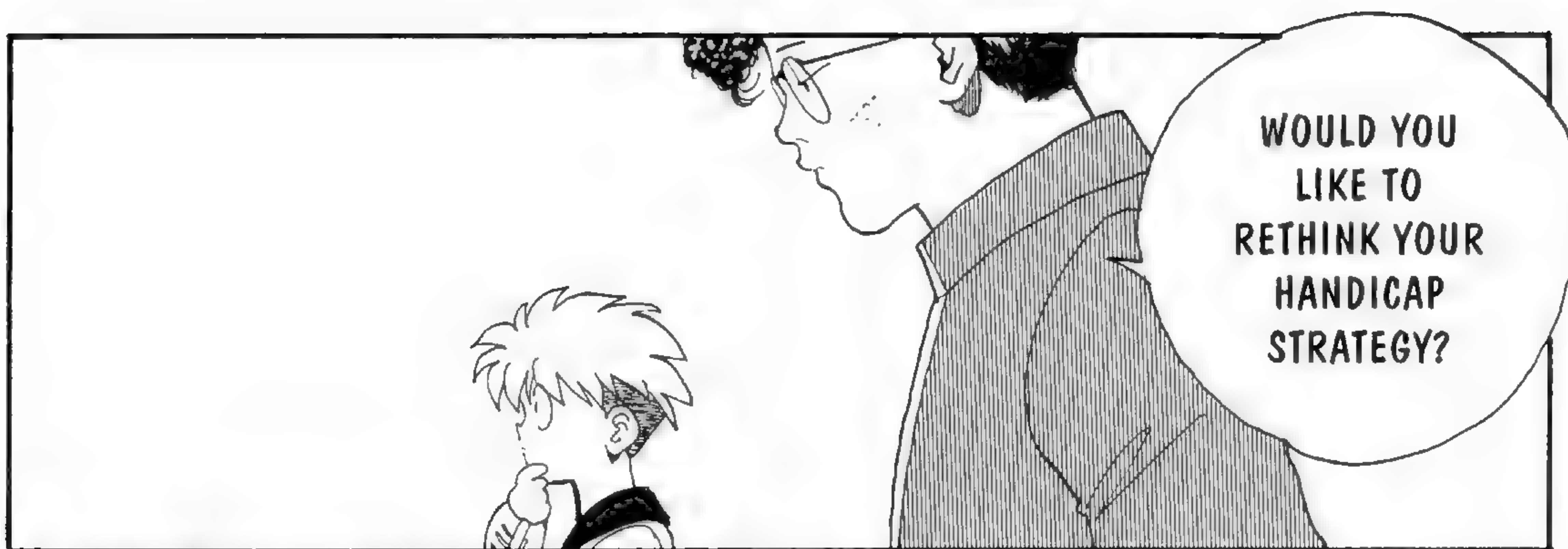


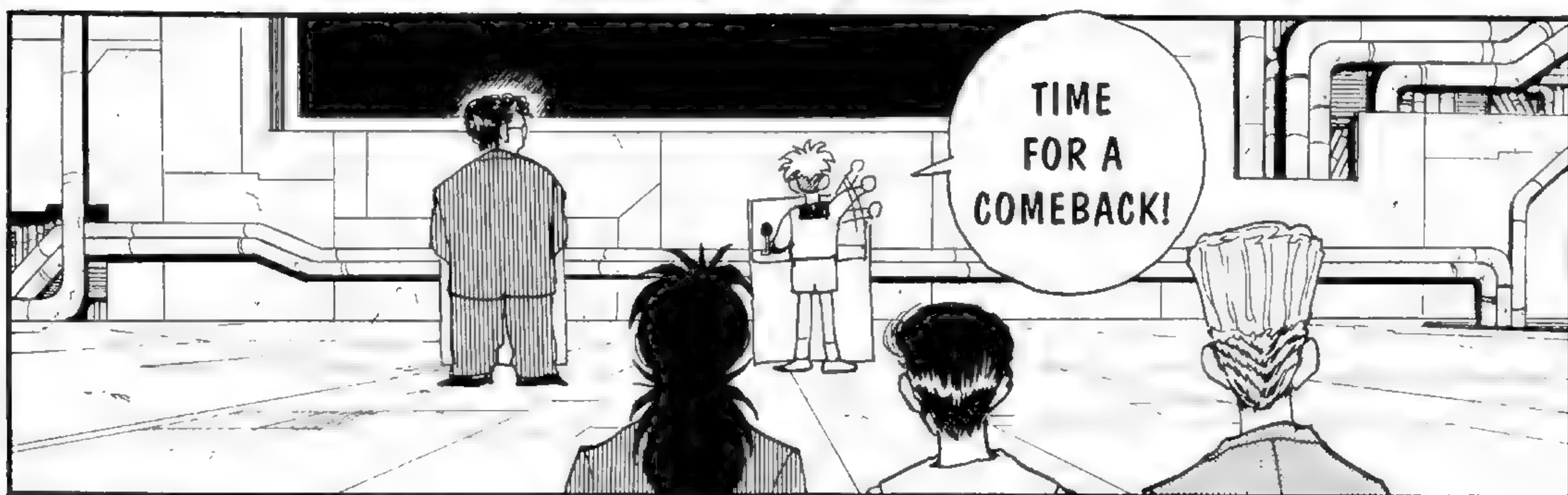
ALL 17,000
QUESTIONS
AND
ANSWERS?!

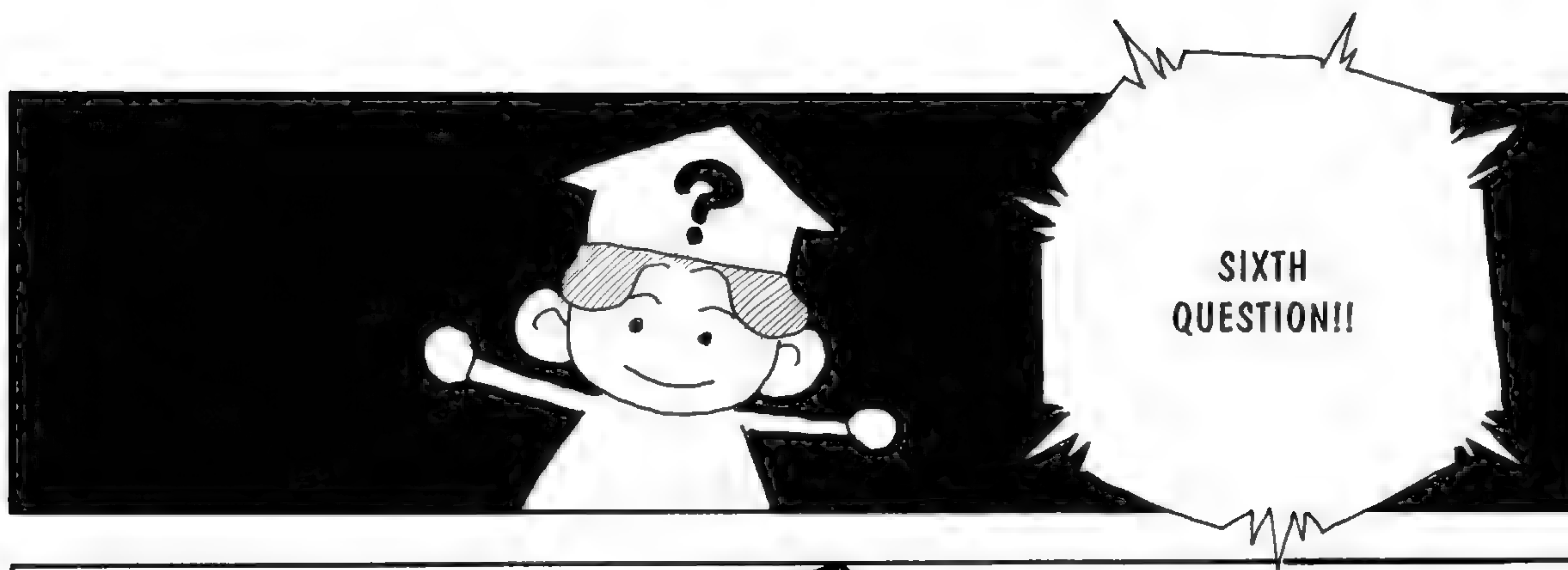
What
a
geek!



H-HE'S
MEMORIZED
THEM?!







Q6

A

B

C

D

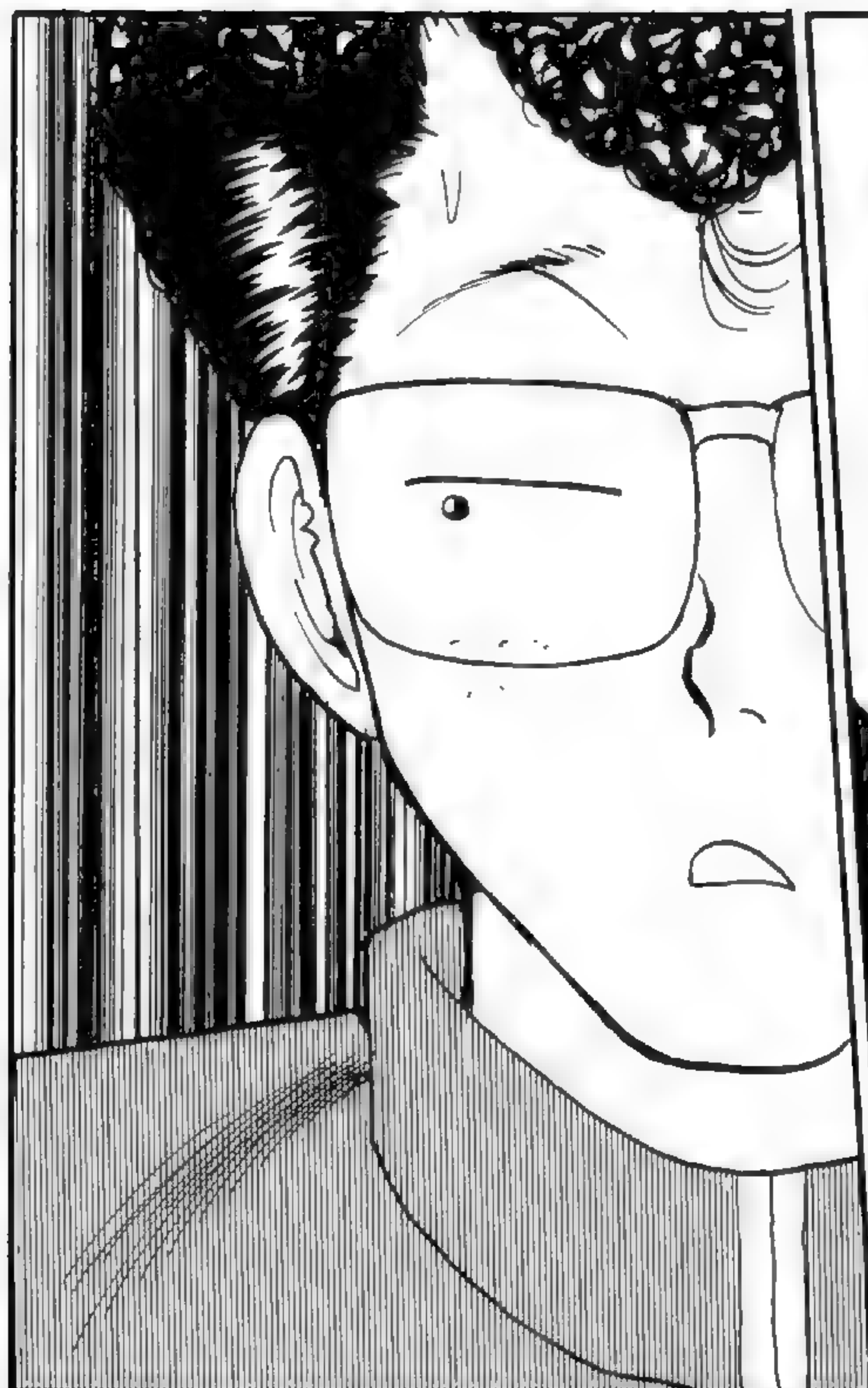
DOOOOM

...EVEN THE
MULTIPLE CHOICE
ANSWERS AREN'T
DISPLAYED.

IF YOU BUZZ
IN BEFORE
THE QUESTION
STARTS...

IS HE
NUTS?

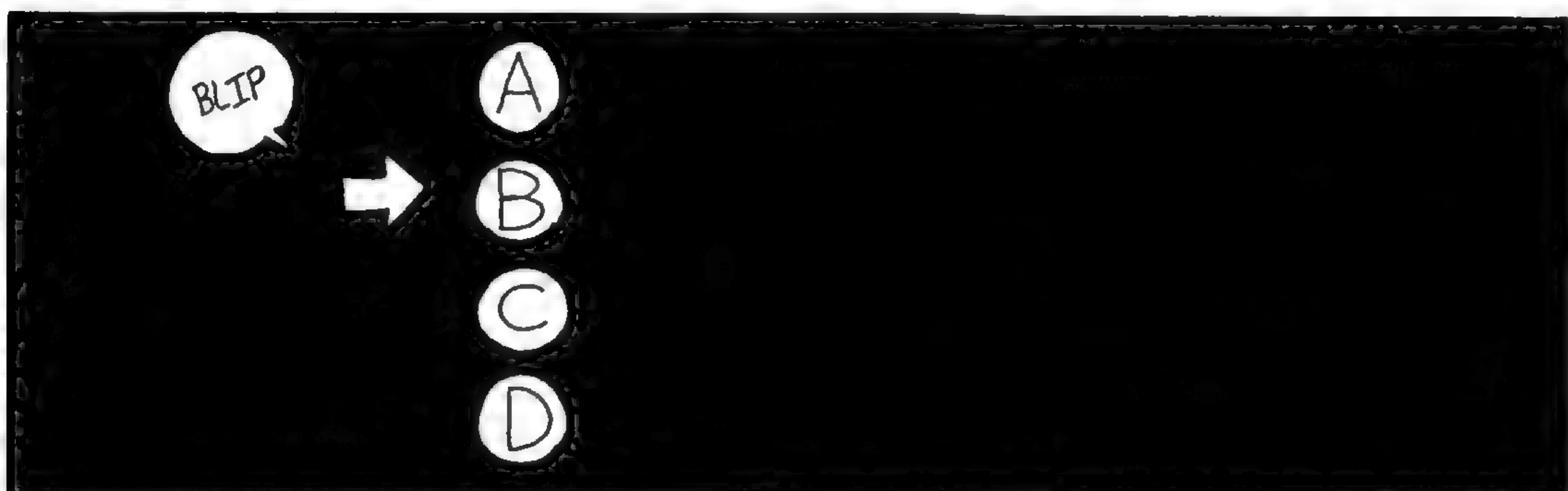
IS HE GONNA
TAKE A BLIND
GUESS?



QUESTION SIX IS "WHAT
IS THE NAME OF THE
ASTEROID THAT PEOPLE
FEARED MIGHT CRASH
INTO THE EARTH IN THE
YEAR 2000?"



AND THE
ANSWER IS
B: TOUTATIS.



HUH?!



HOW ON
EARTH...?



**Q6: WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE ASTEROID
THAT PEOPLE FEARED MIGHT CRASH INTO
THE EARTH IN THE YEAR 2000?**

- A HALLEY**
- B TOUTATIS**
- C MAGELLAN**
- D NEBULA M78**

**THERE IT IS!
JUST WHAT
HE SAID!**

**FREAKY! HE
QUOTED THE
WHOLE THING,
CHAPTER AND
VERSE!!**

PERHAPS HE
MEMORIZED THE
ORDER OF ALL
QUESTIONS AND
THEIR ANSWERS.



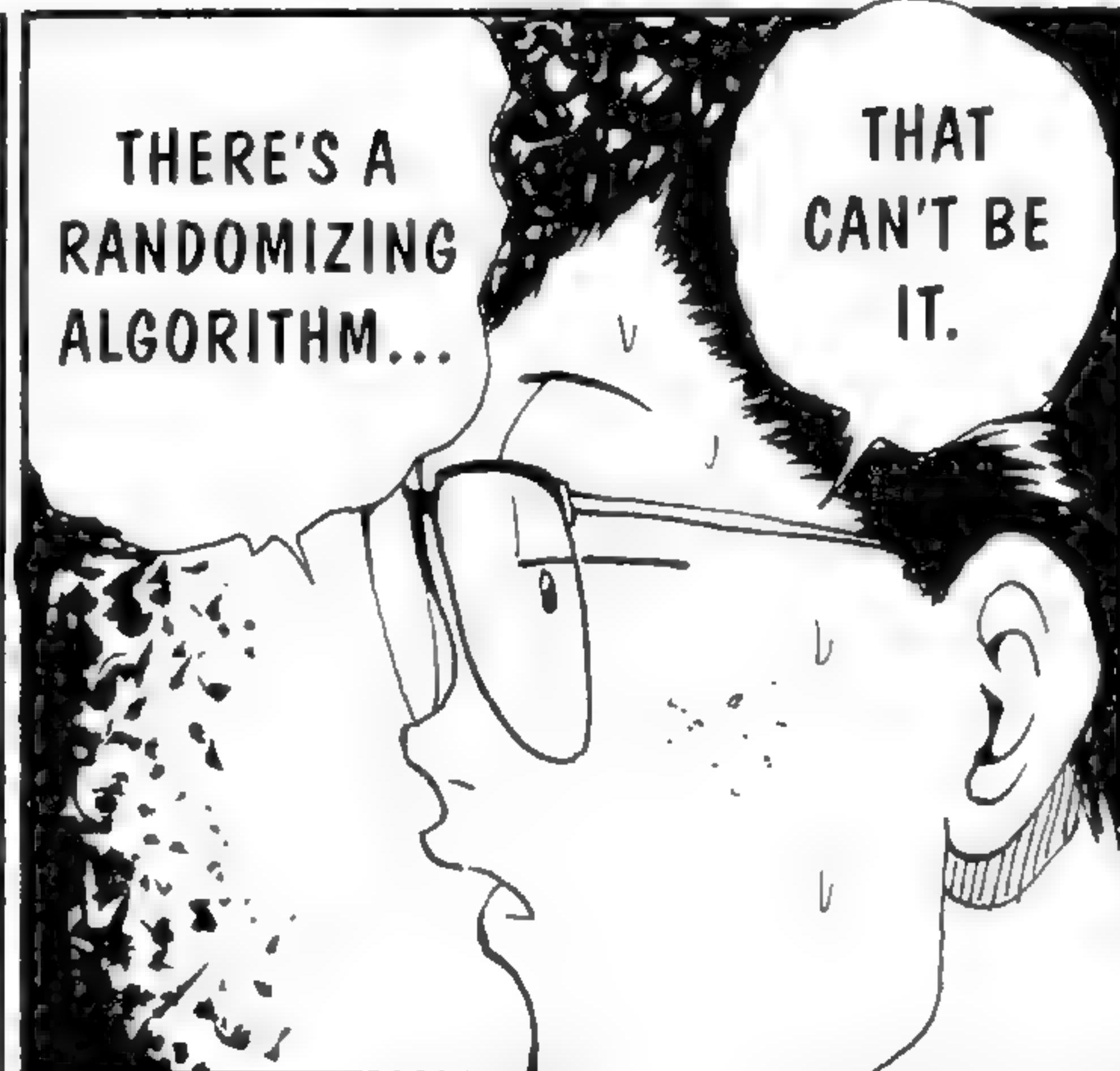
PRECOGNITION?!
NO, IT'S A
TRICK...OR
HE CHEATED!!

THIS ONE
TAKES FIVE
QUESTIONS
TO FIGURE
OUT.



AH,
BUT EVERY
ALGORITHM
HAS A
DISCERNIBLE
PATTERN.

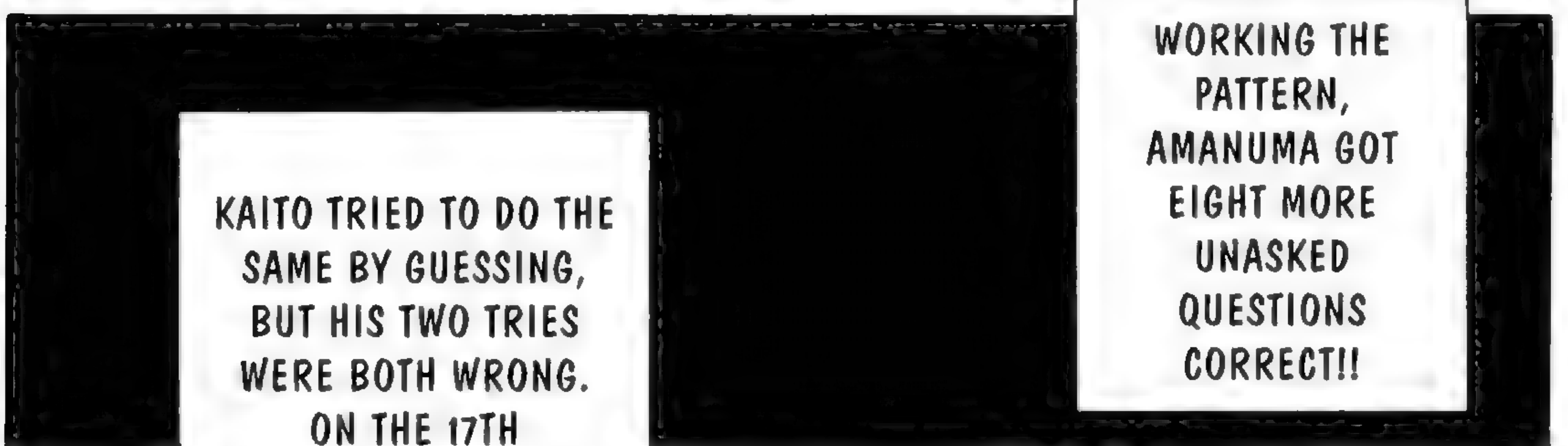
THERE'S A
RANDOMIZING
ALGORITHM...



THAT
CAN'T BE
IT.

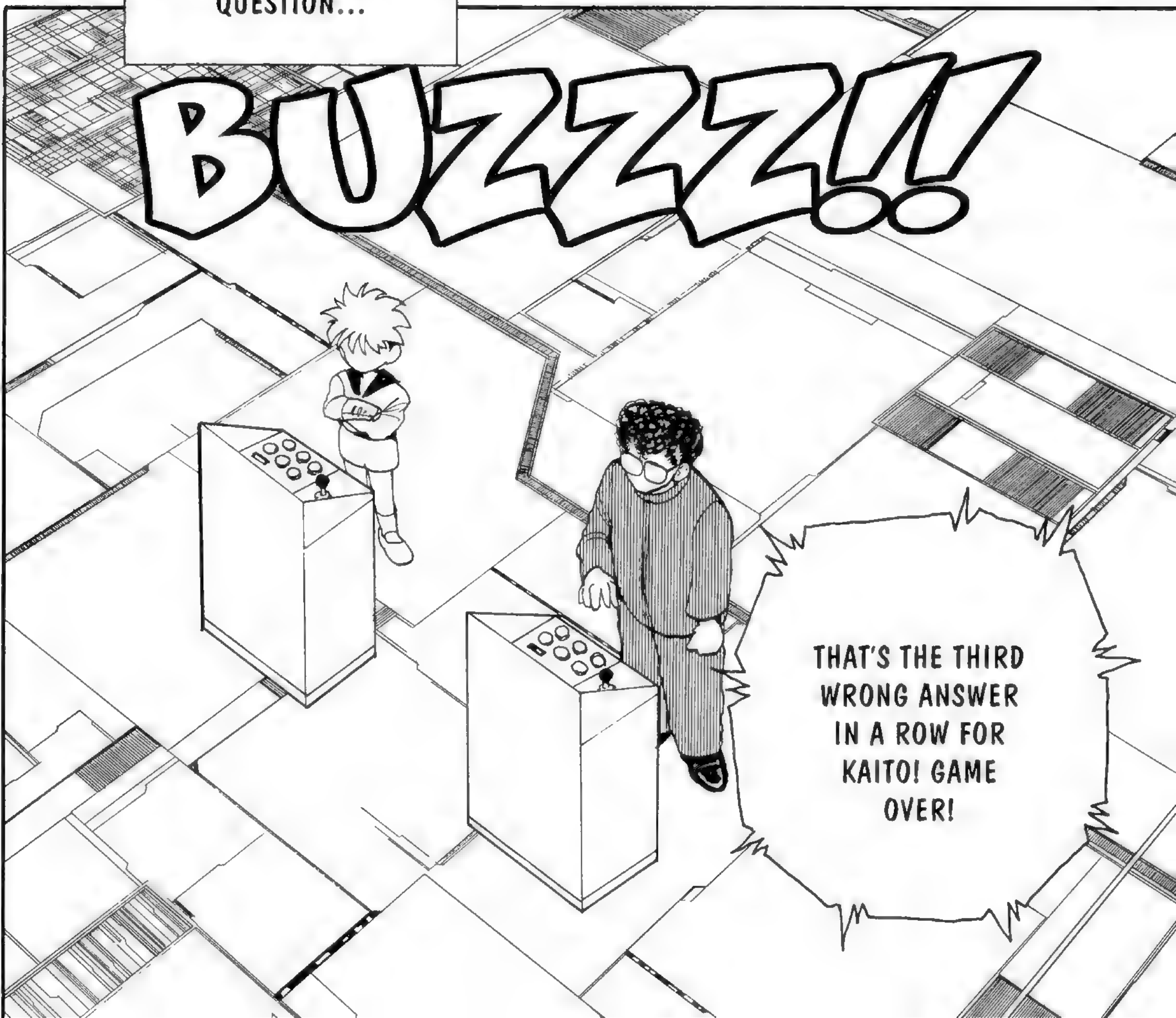


I PROBABLY
DIDN'T ALLOW
ENOUGH OF A
HANDICAP.



KAITO TRIED TO DO THE
SAME BY GUESSING,
BUT HIS TWO TRIES
WERE BOTH WRONG.
ON THE 17TH
QUESTION...

WORKING THE
PATTERN,
AMANUMA GOT
EIGHT MORE
UNASKED
QUESTIONS
CORRECT!!



BUZZZ!!

THAT'S THE THIRD
WRONG ANSWER
IN A ROW FOR
KAITO! GAME
OVER!

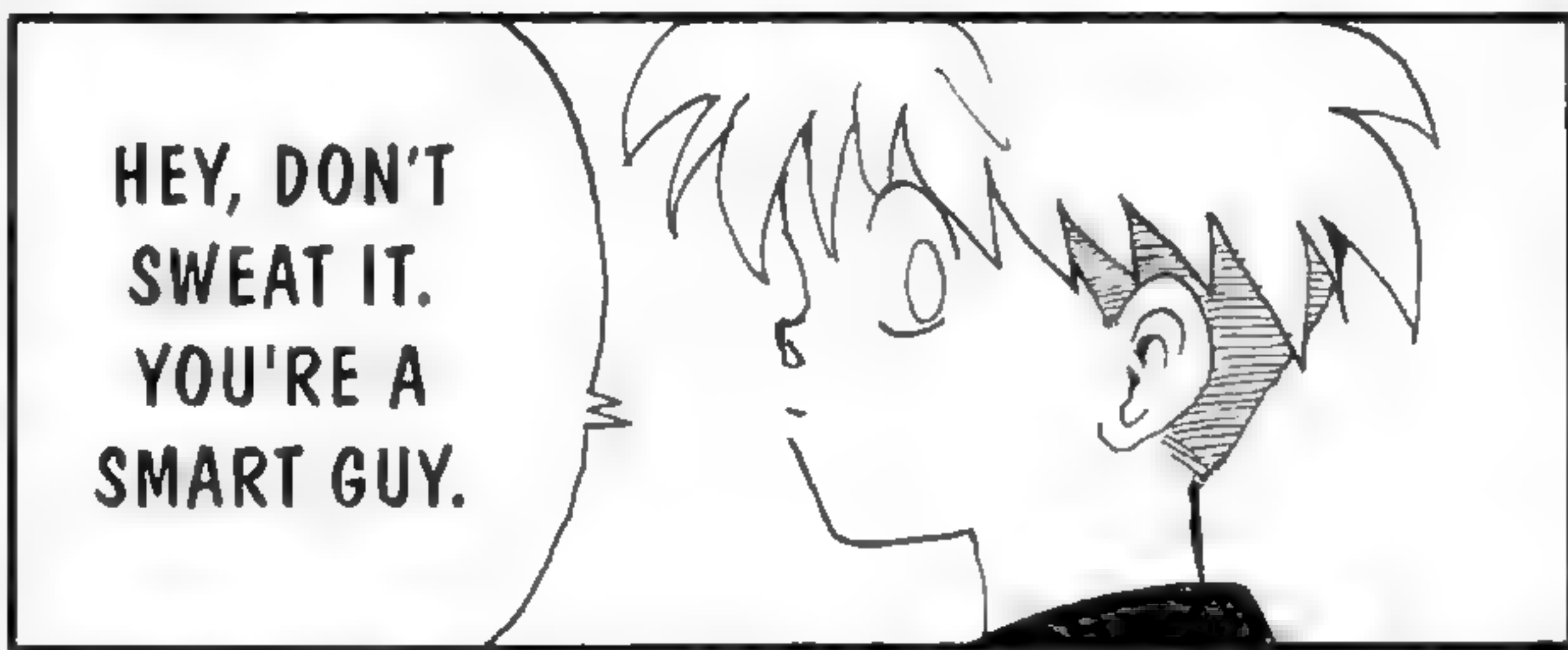


BETTER
LUCK NEXT
TIME, EH?

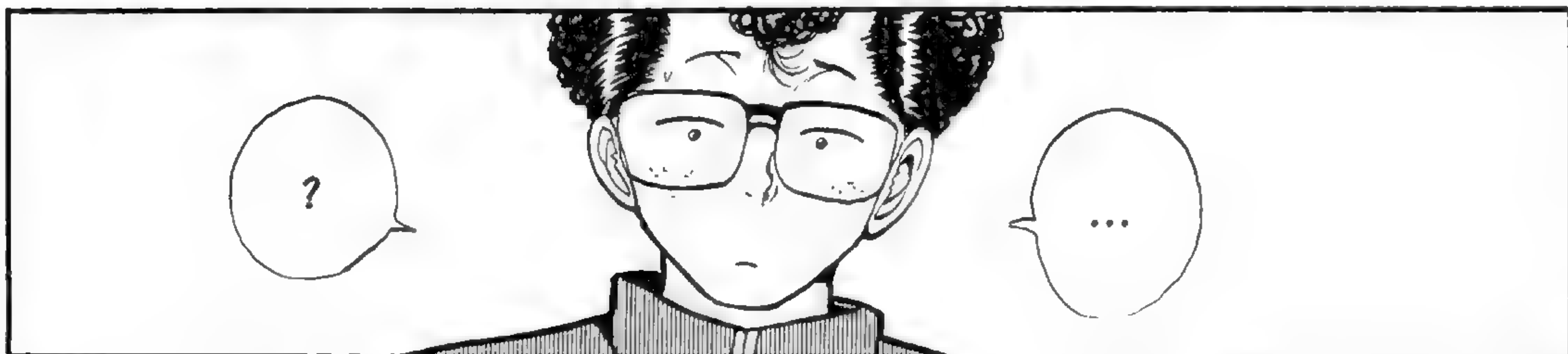
HEH



YOU GOT ME. I
COULDN'T SEE
A PATTERN.



HEY, DON'T
SWEAT IT.
YOU'RE A
SMART GUY.



?

...



UM...



THAT
KID'S
INCREDIBLE!

CRAP!
KAITO
LOST!

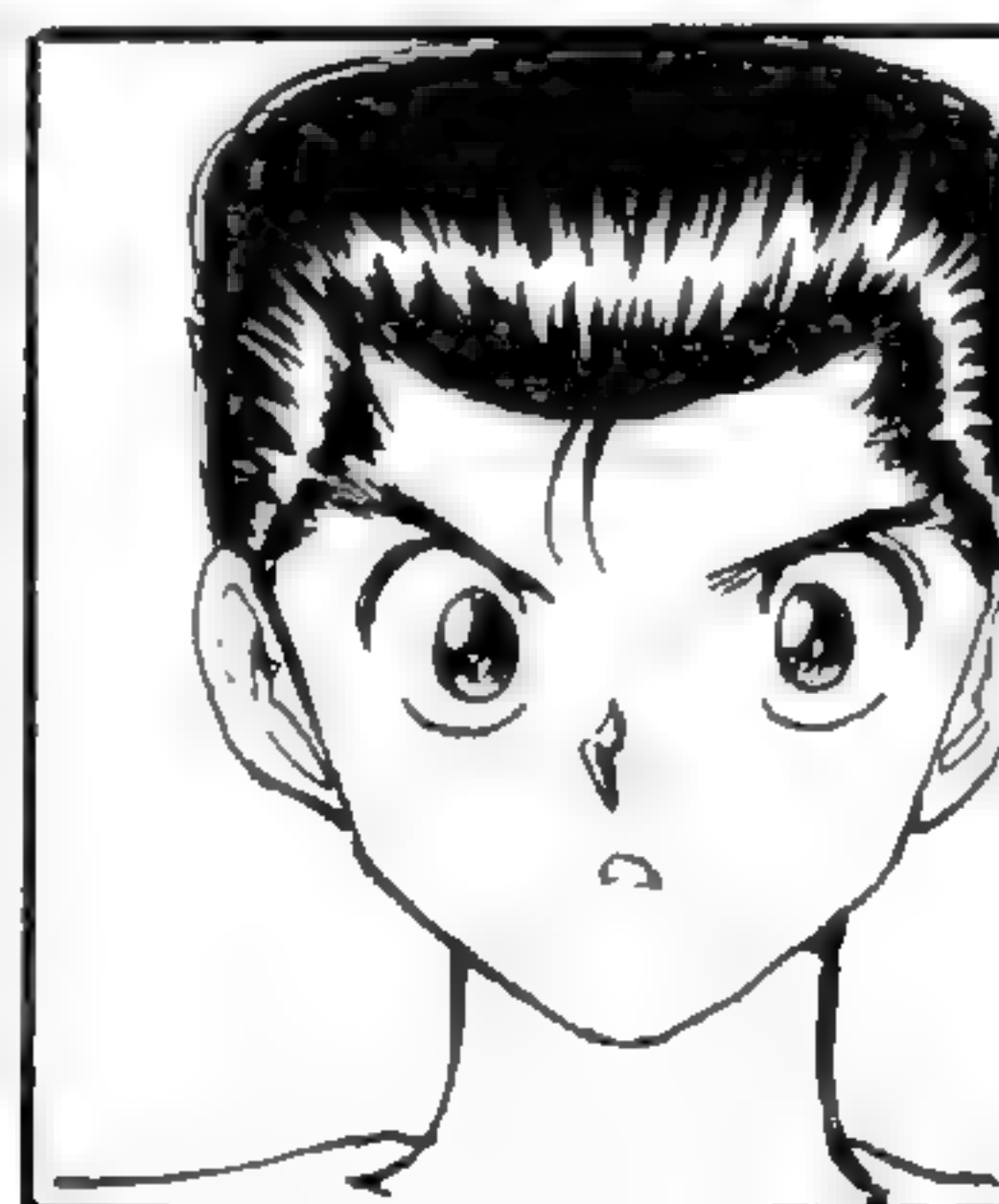
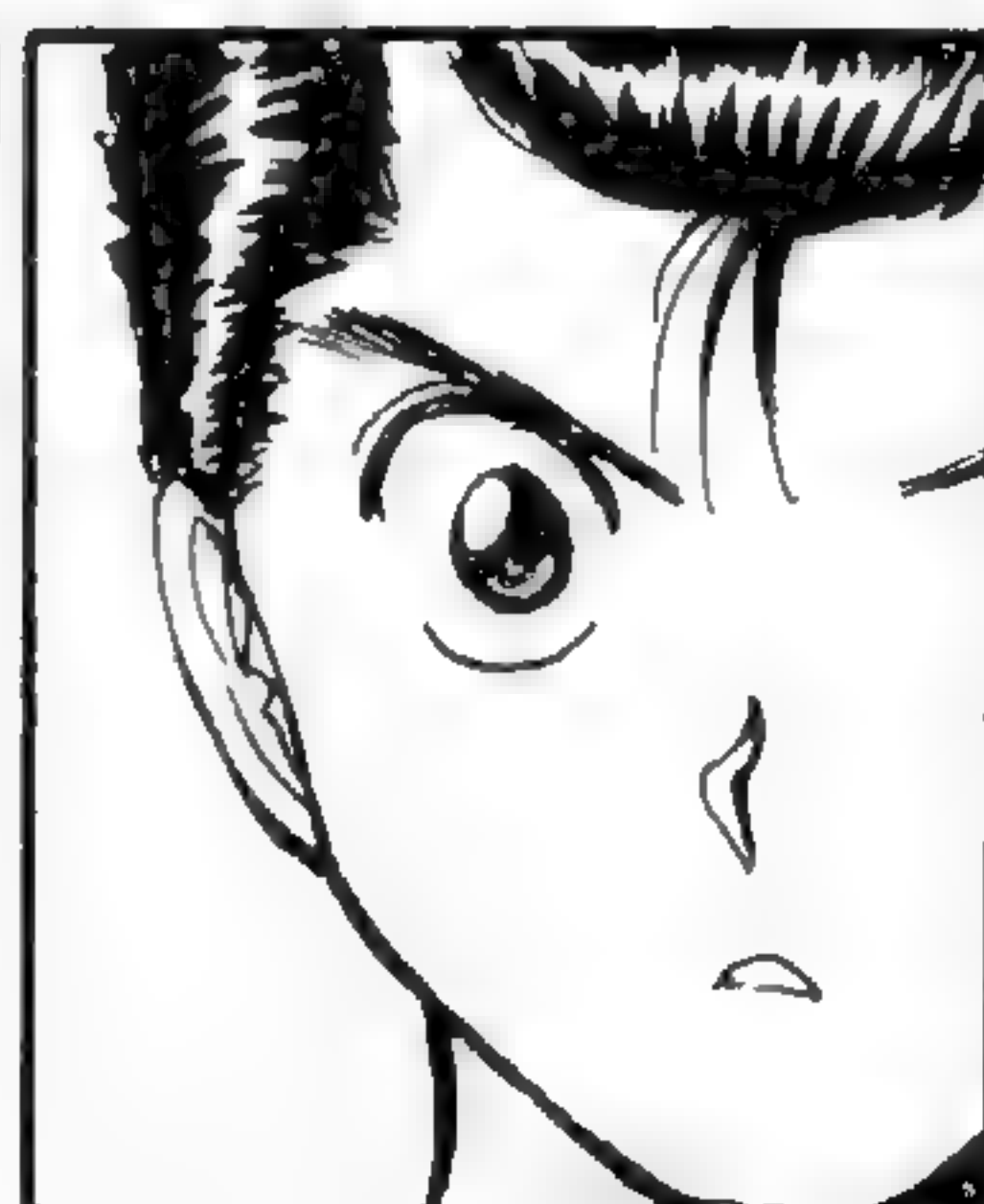
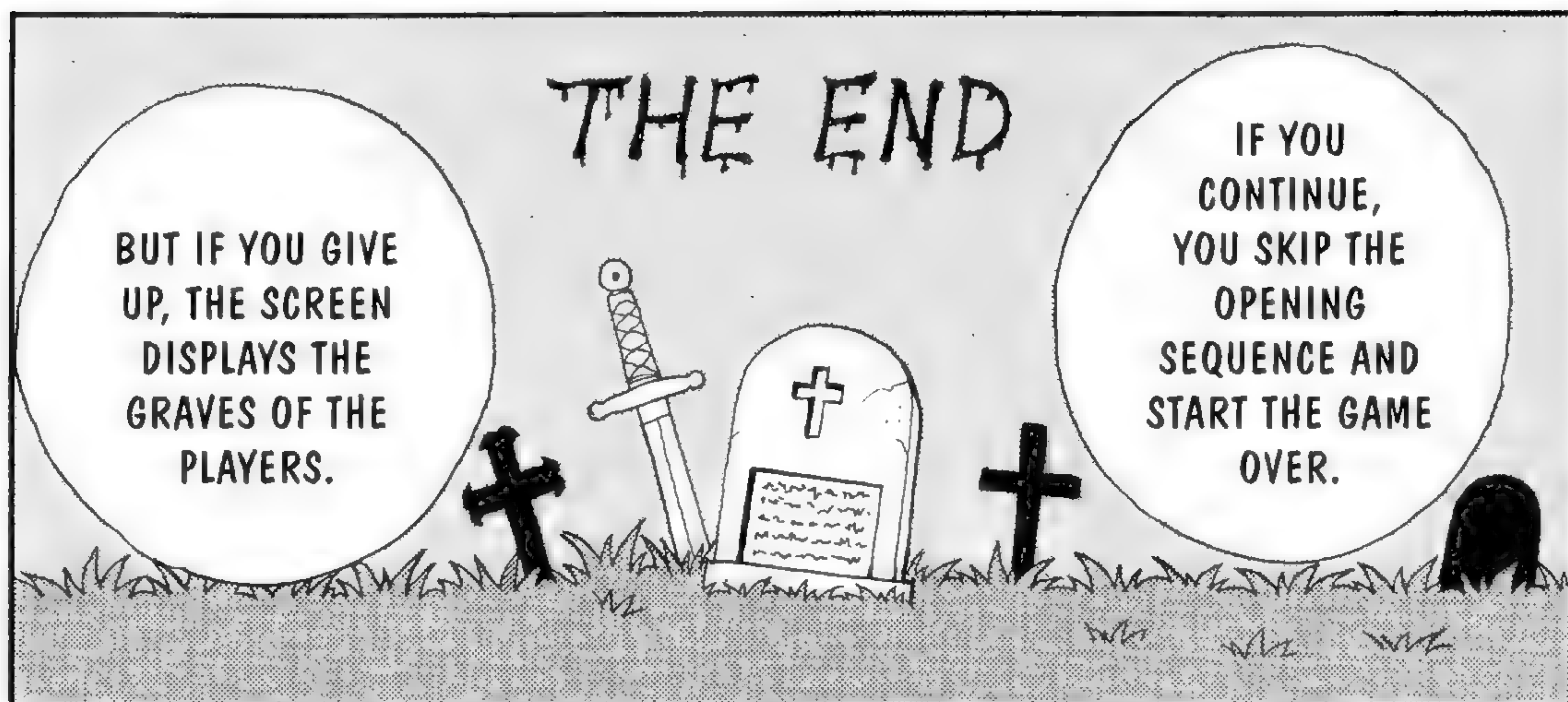
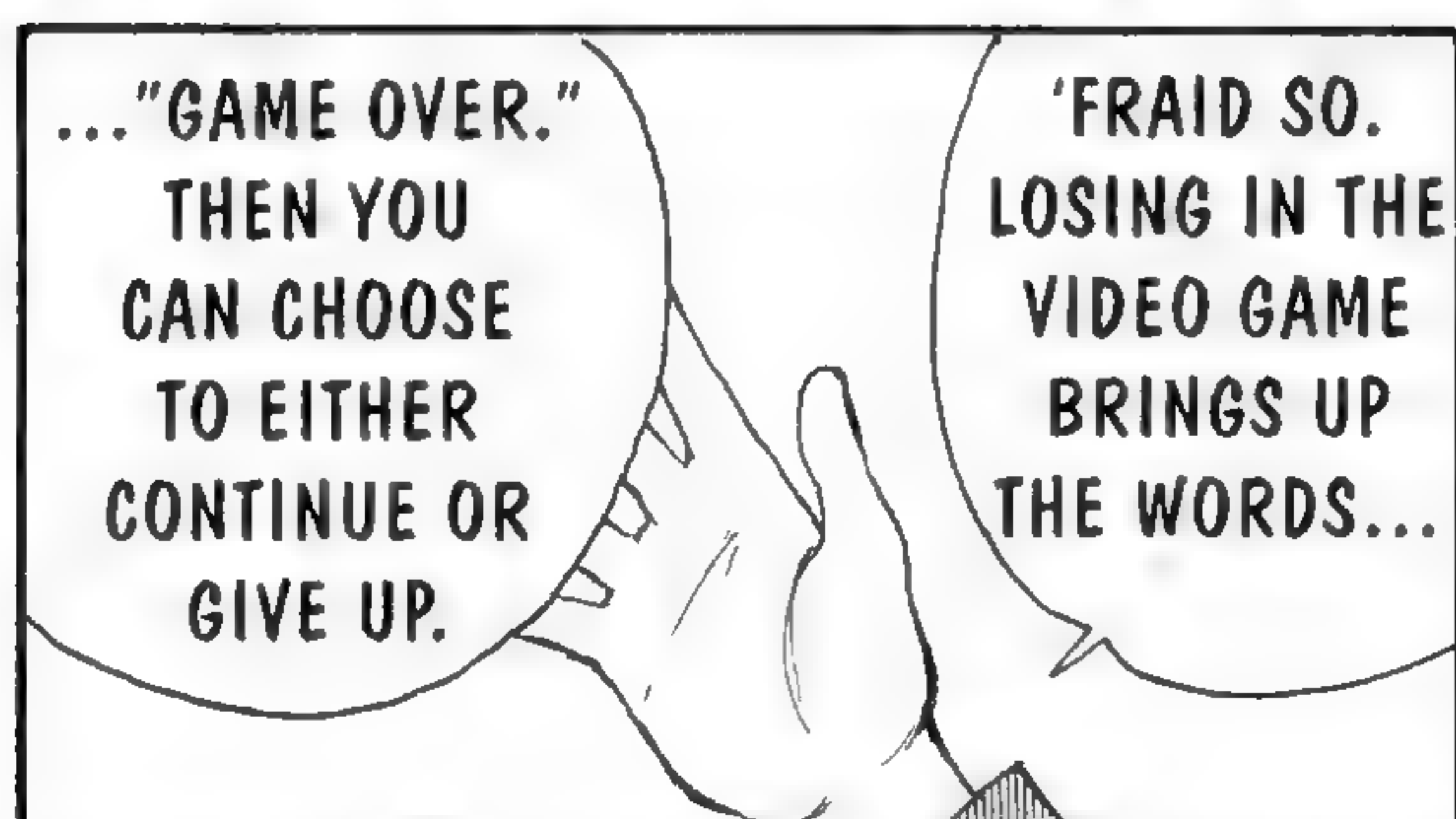
NOW IT'S
UP TO
KURAMA!

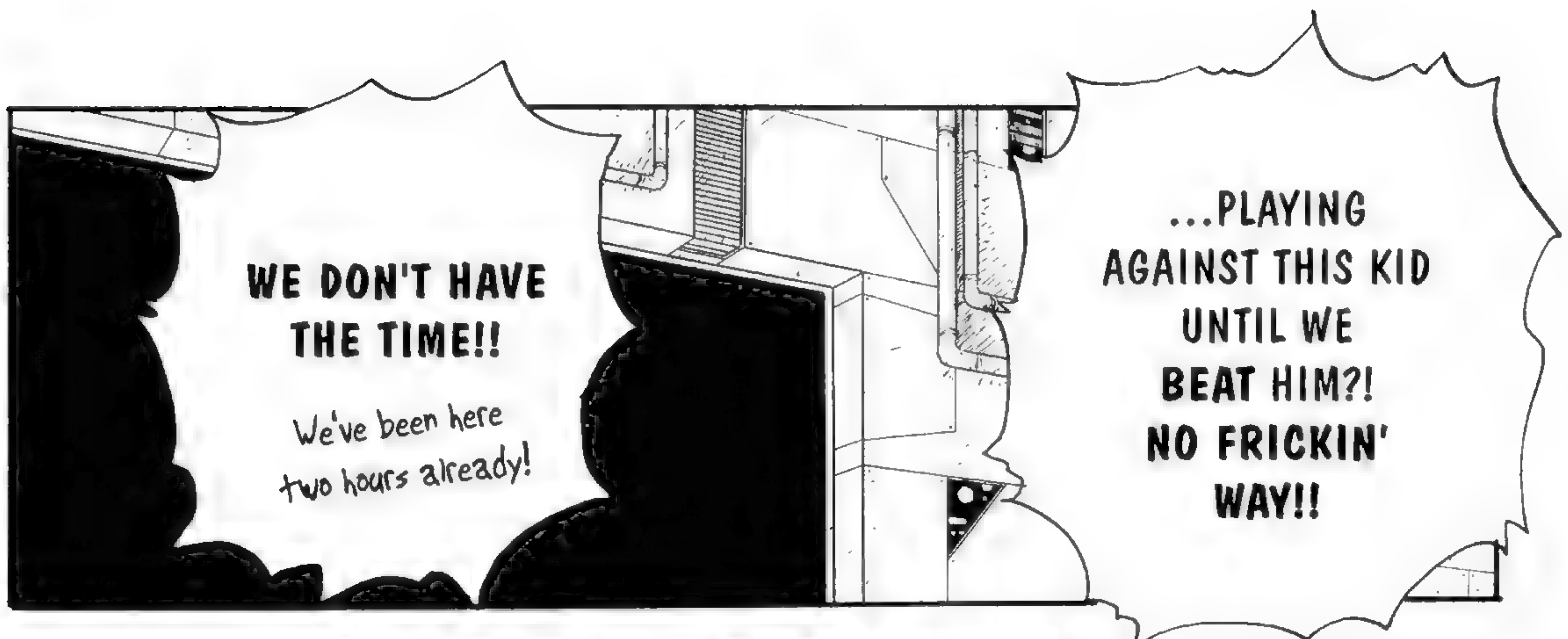


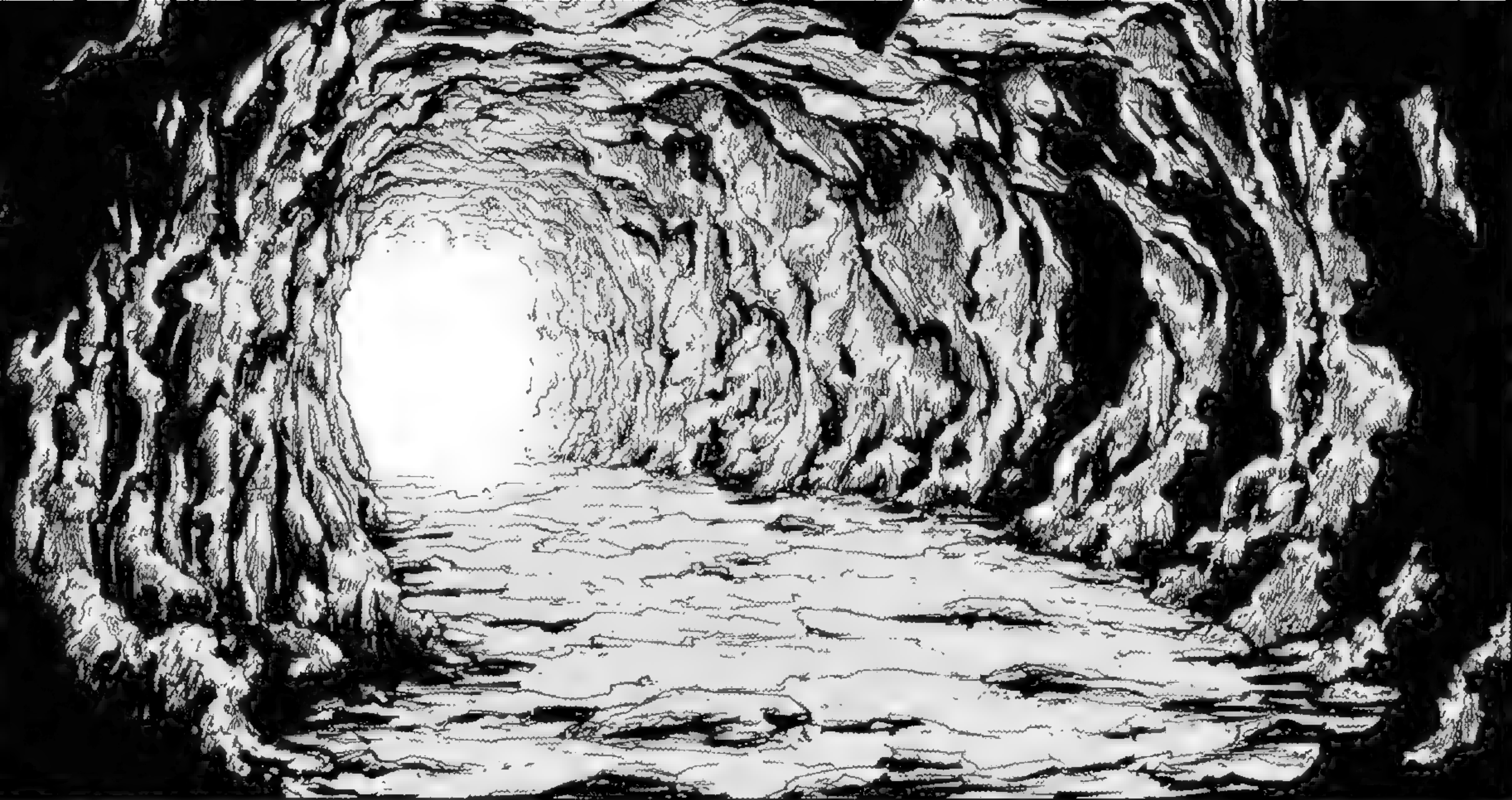
...WHAT
HAPPENS IF
WE LOSE TO
AMANUMA?

...I JUST
REALIZED I
NEVER
THOUGHT TO
ASK...







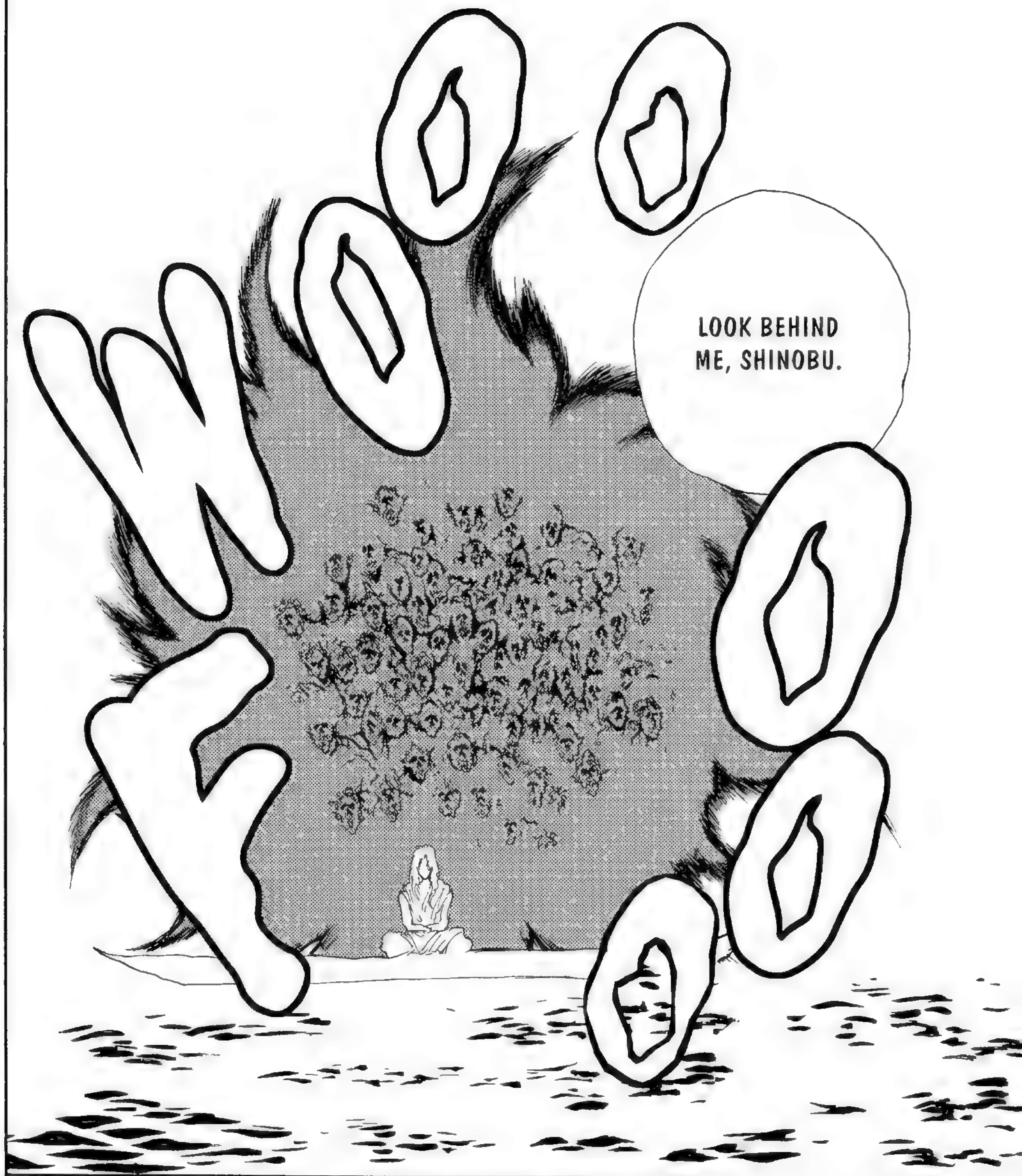


THINGS ARE
GOING WELL.



TWO MORE
HOURS
SHOULD DO IT.

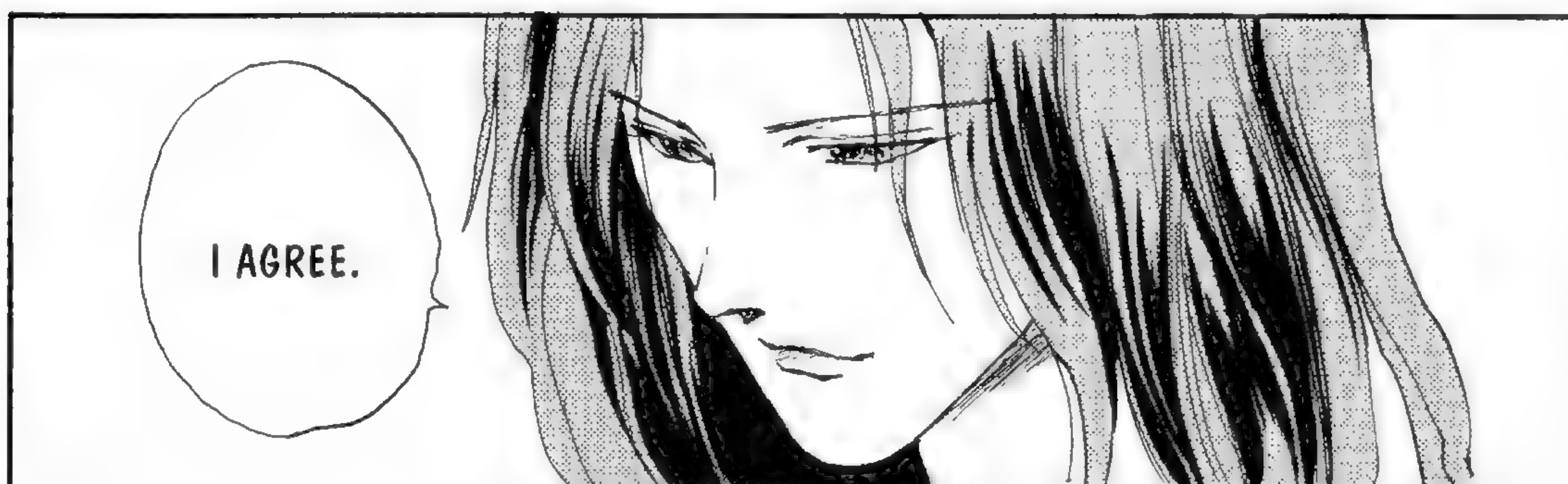
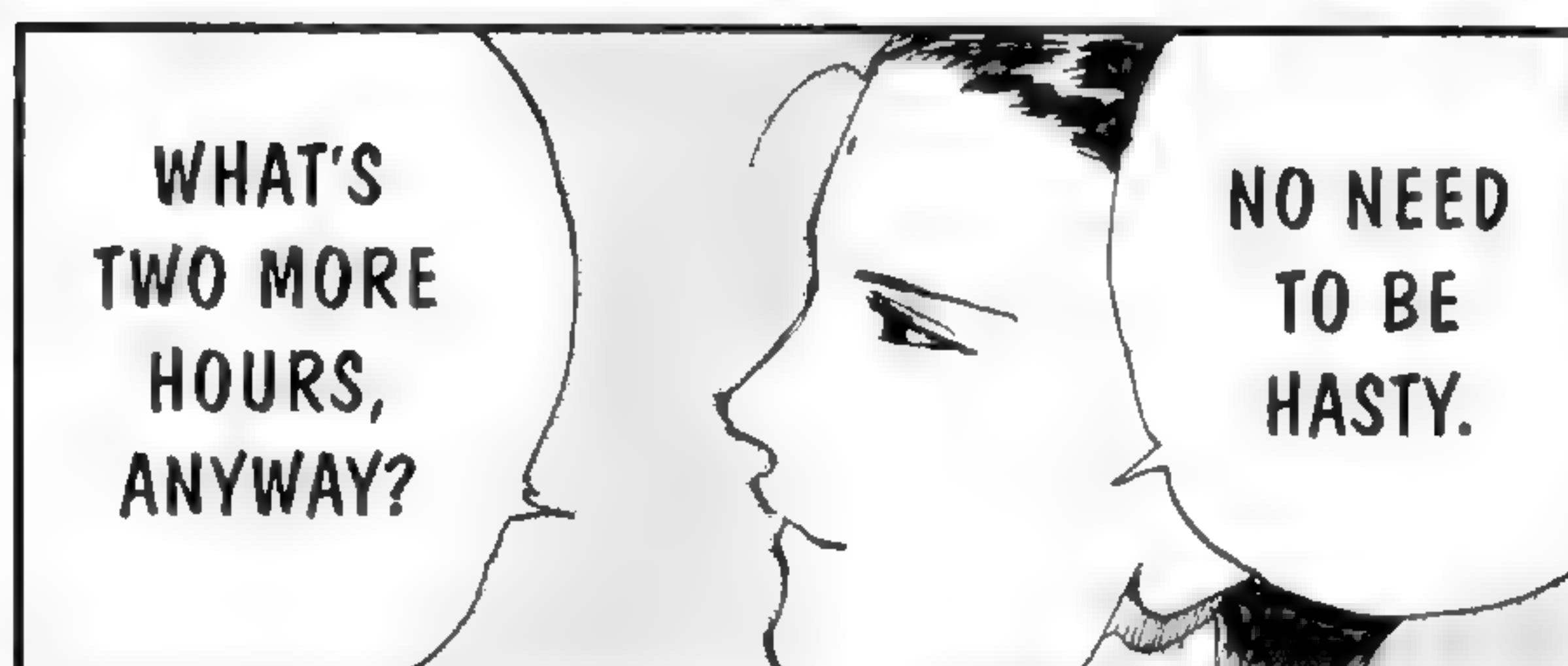
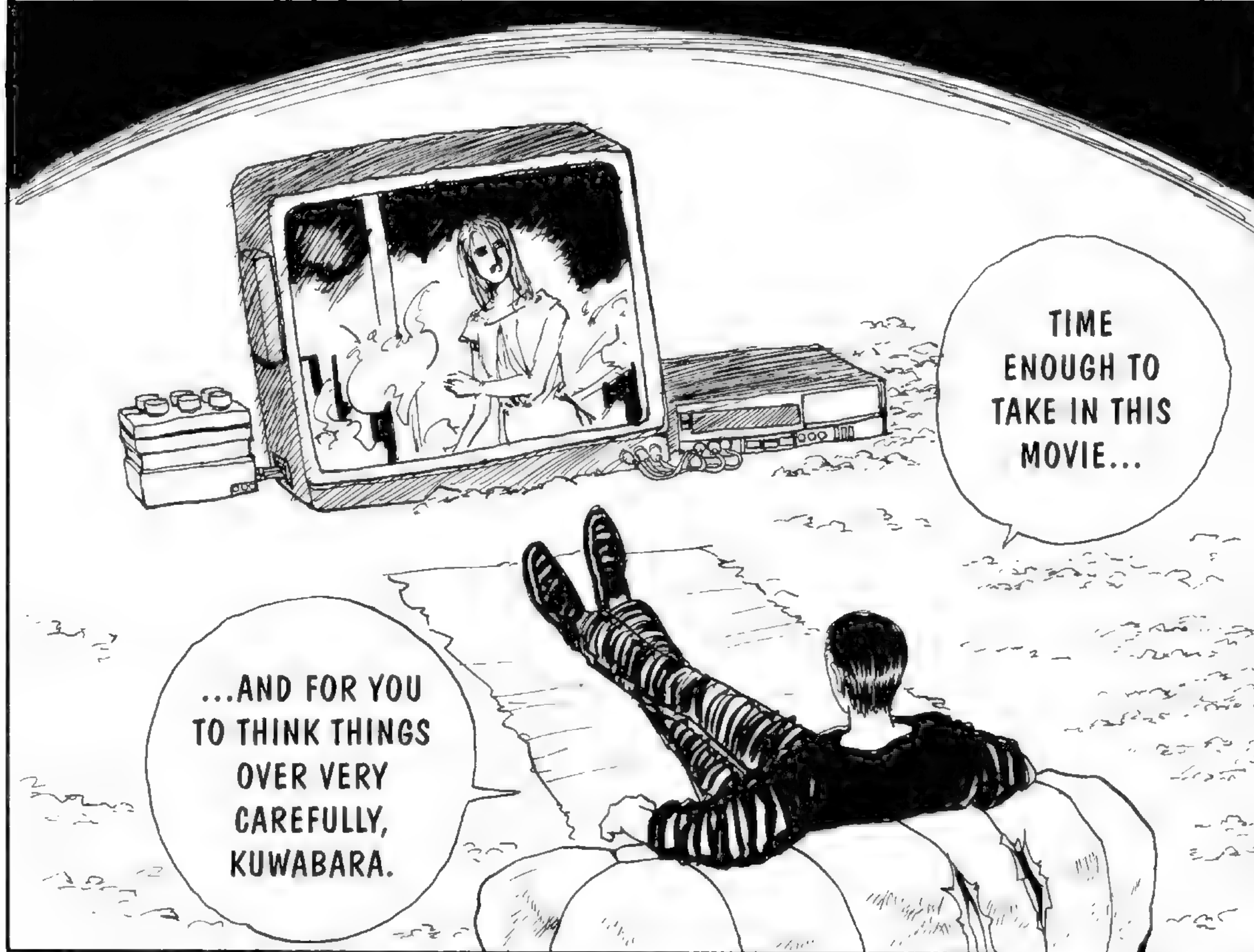
MY
POWERS ARE
INTENSIFYING.



LOOK BEHIND
ME, SHINOBU.

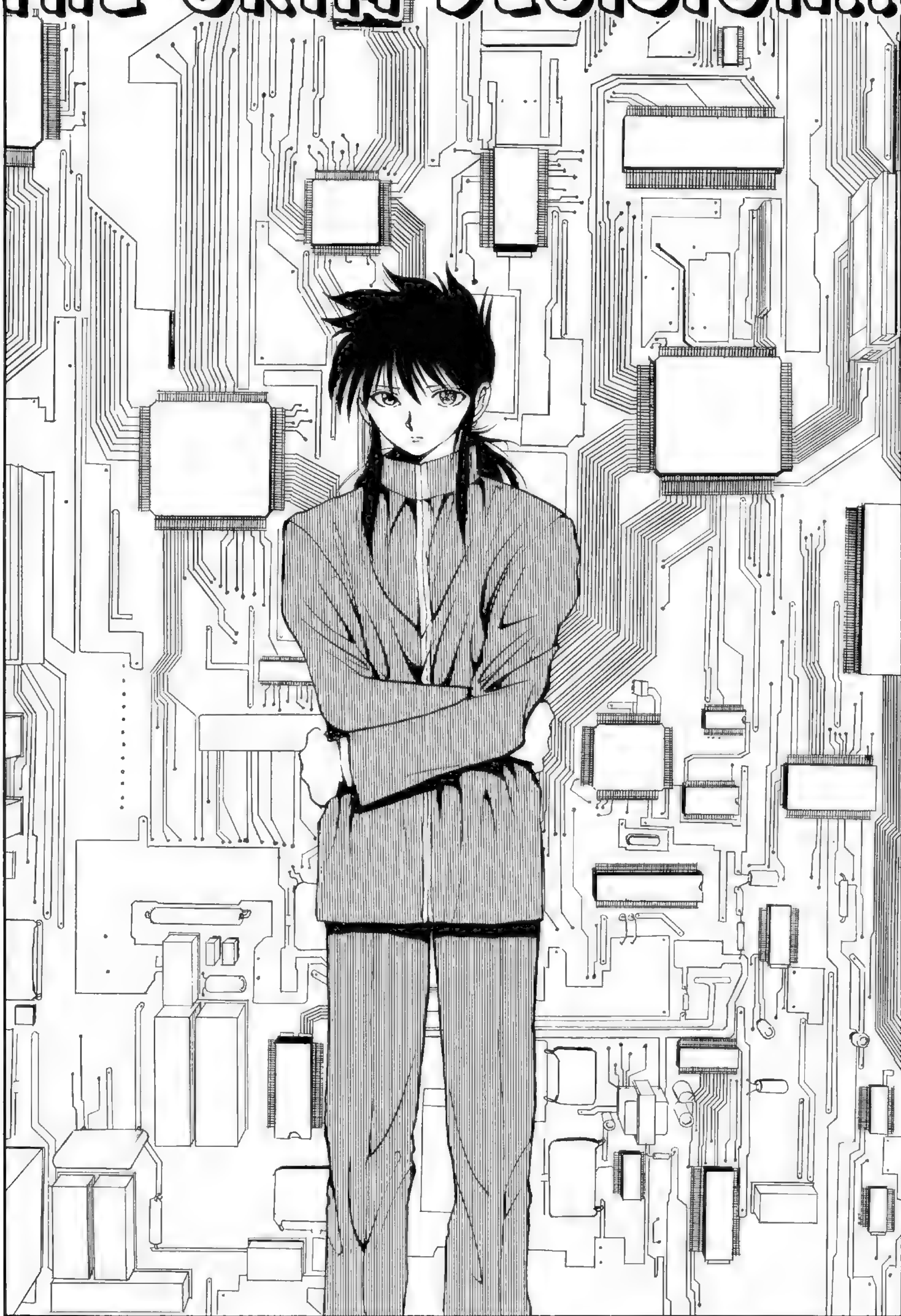


THE DENIZENS
OF THE DEMON
PLANE HAVE
DISCOVERED
THE LIGHT.





THE GRIM DECISION!!







AS IN KAITO'S TERRITORY, POWERS THAT COULD INTERFERE DON'T FUNCTION.

I'VE BEEN TRYING TO SUMMON FLAMES, BUT NO GO.



IT'S PLAY THE GAMES OR DIE.



HIEI?



WAKE ME WHEN IT'S OVER.

THAT BEING THE CASE, I'M USELESS.



GOOD QUESTION.

I can't beat him.

WHAT'RE OUR CHANCES, Y'THINK?

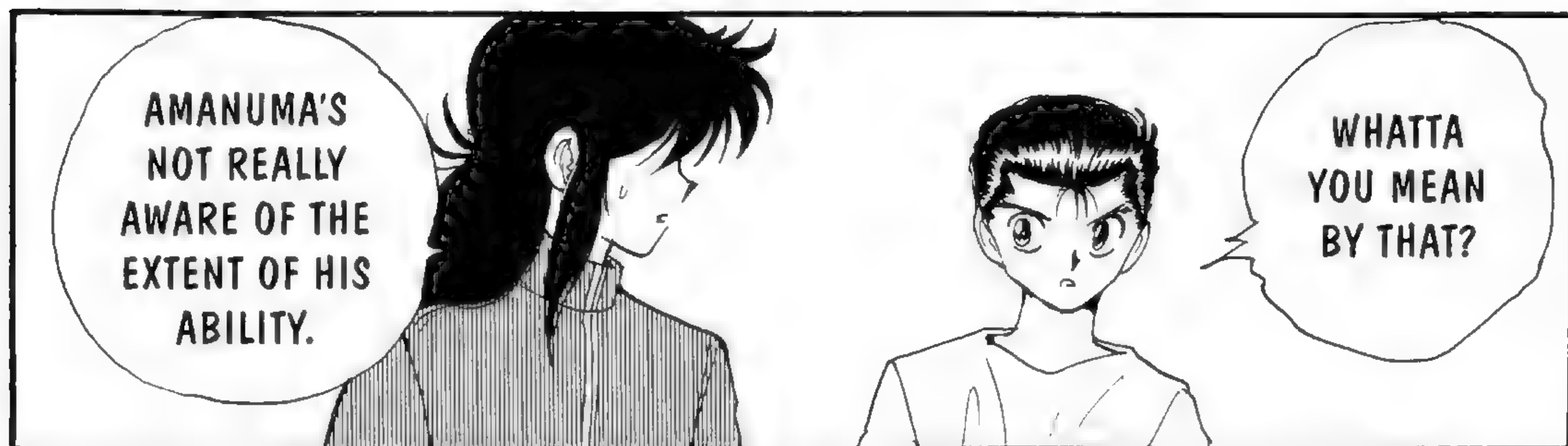


...THIS ISN'T GOING TO END WELL.

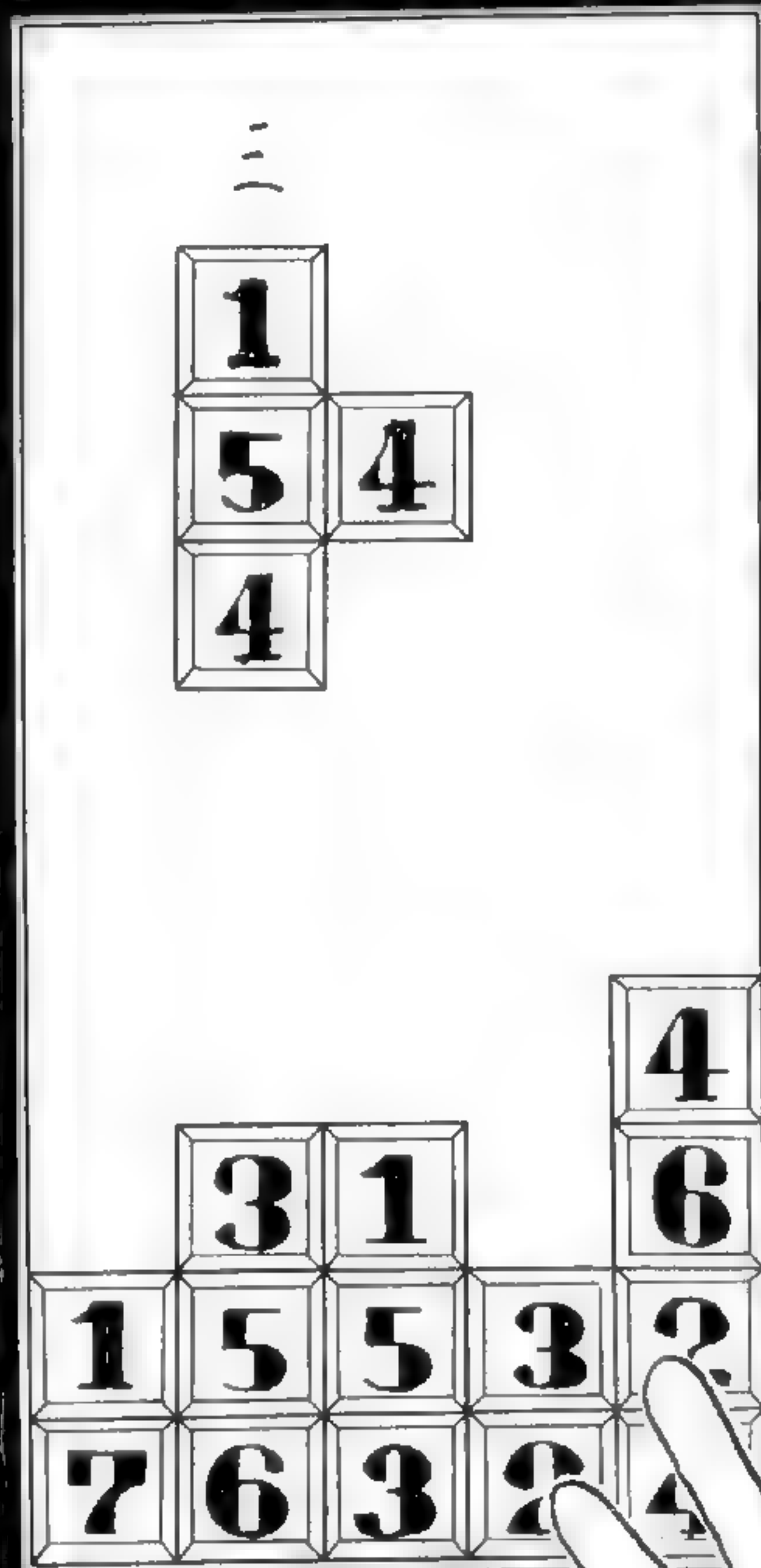
THE THING IS, IF I'M RIGHT...



...



BUT AS THE NAME IMPLIES, YOU CAN ONLY ELIMINATE THE SEVENS BY LINING THEM UP THREE IN A ROW.



...NUMBER FROM ONE TO SEVEN AND DROP IN VARIOUS COMBINATIONS. YOU ELIMINATE THEM BY MAKING VERTICAL OR HORIZONTAL ROWS THAT ADD UP TO SEVEN.

EXPERIENCE AND CONCENTRATION ARE THE KEYS, AND ONCE YOU'RE IN THE ZONE YOU CAN GO ON FOR HOURS.



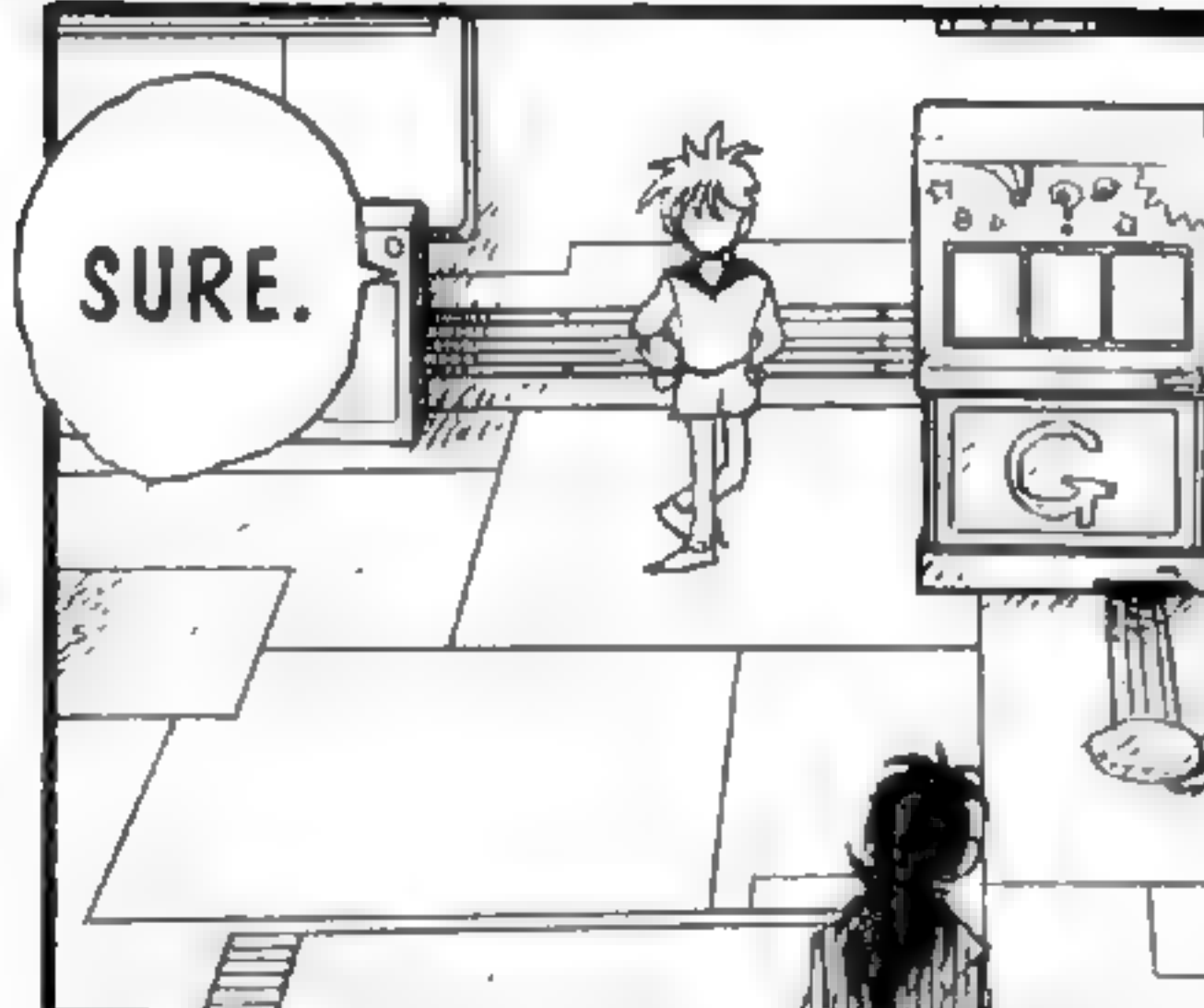
MY HEAD HURTS JUST THINKING ABOUT IT.

I FIGURE HE'LL DISTRACT AMANUMA SOMEHOW.

MINAMINO WON'T LET IT GO THAT LONG.

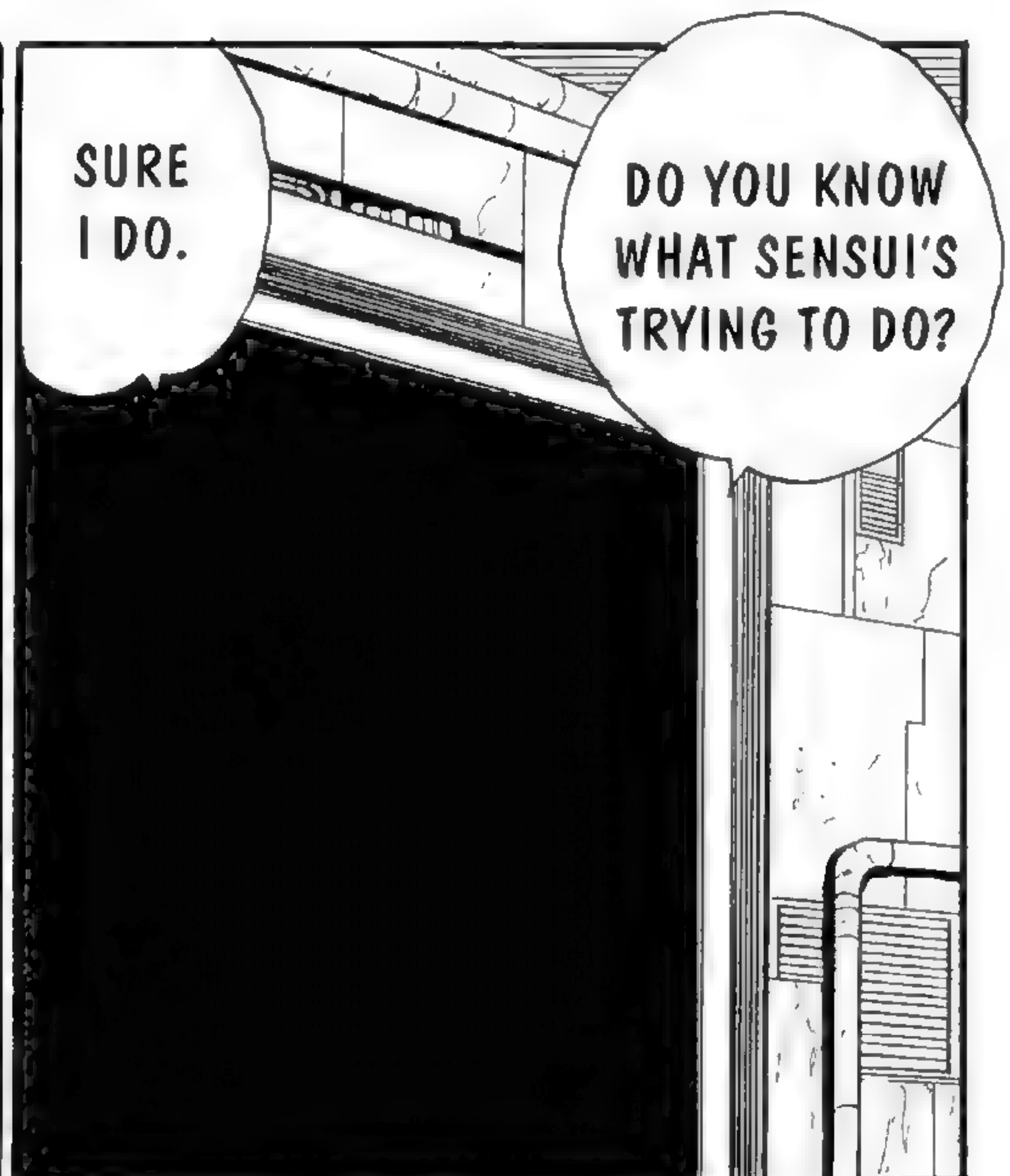
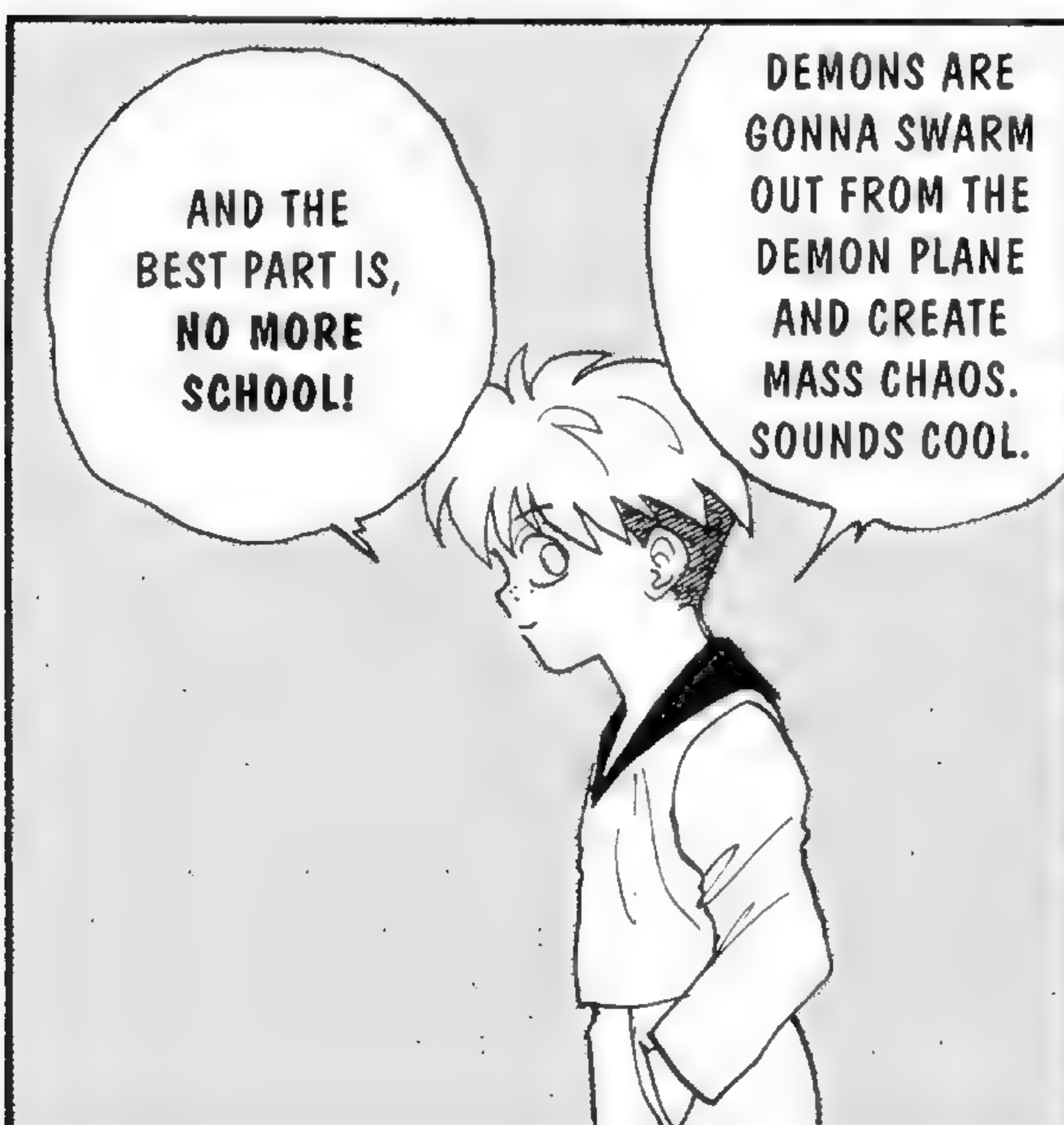
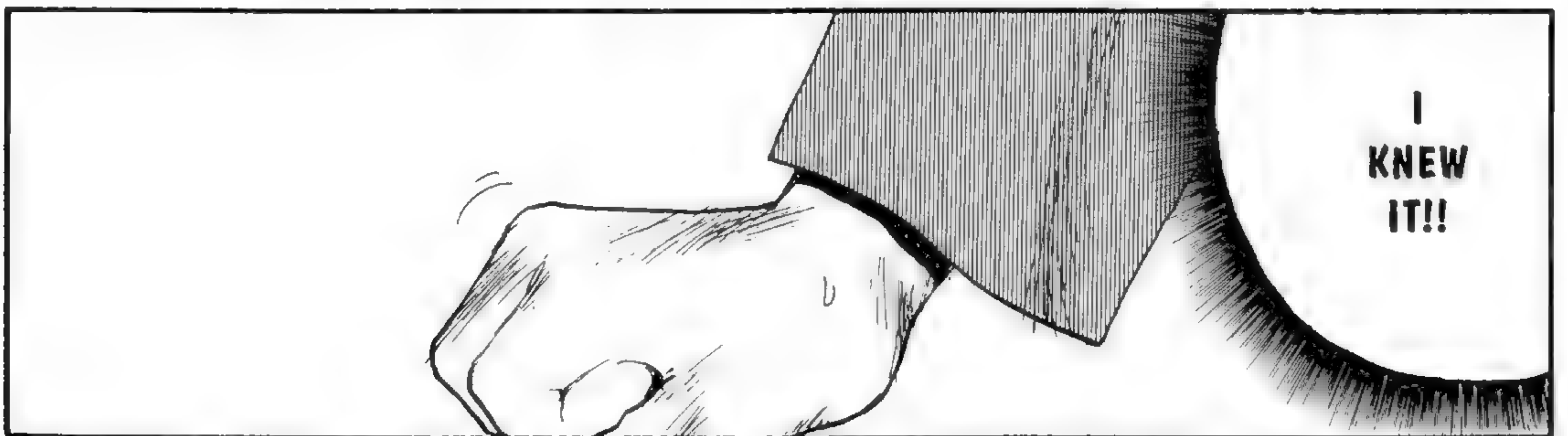
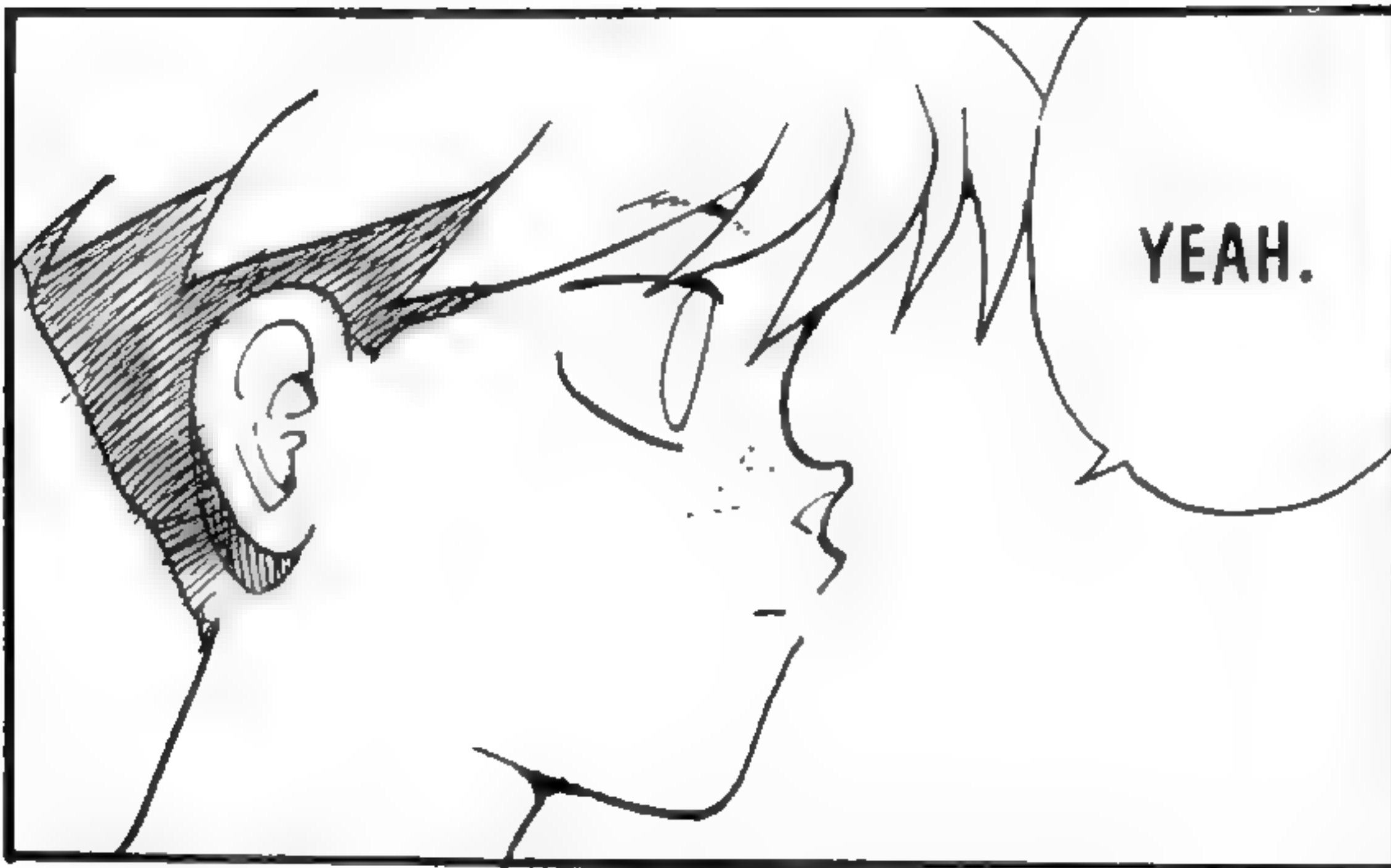
IT TOOK ME TWO HOURS TO BEAT THE VIDEO GAME'S GAMER KING.

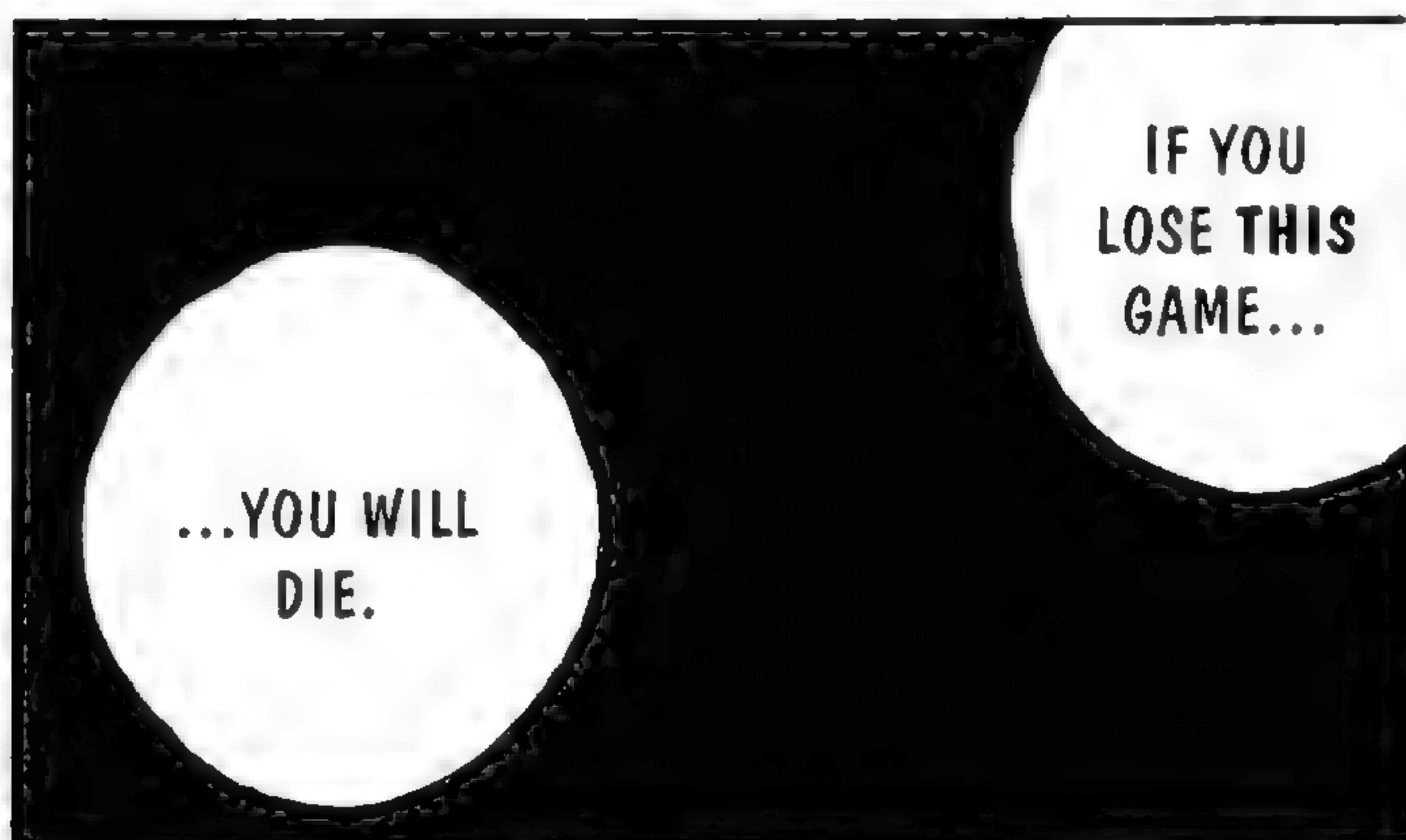
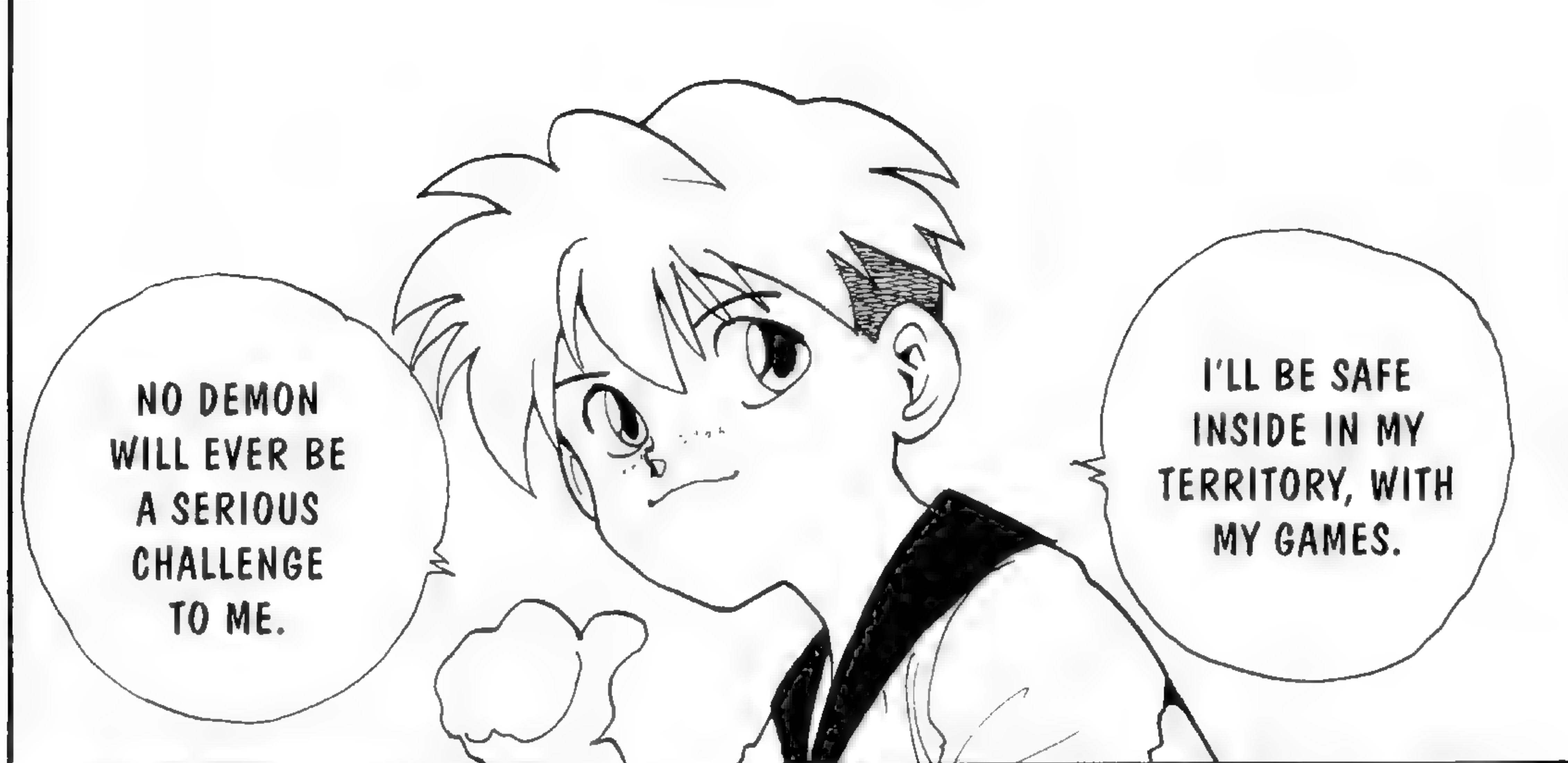
HOURS ?

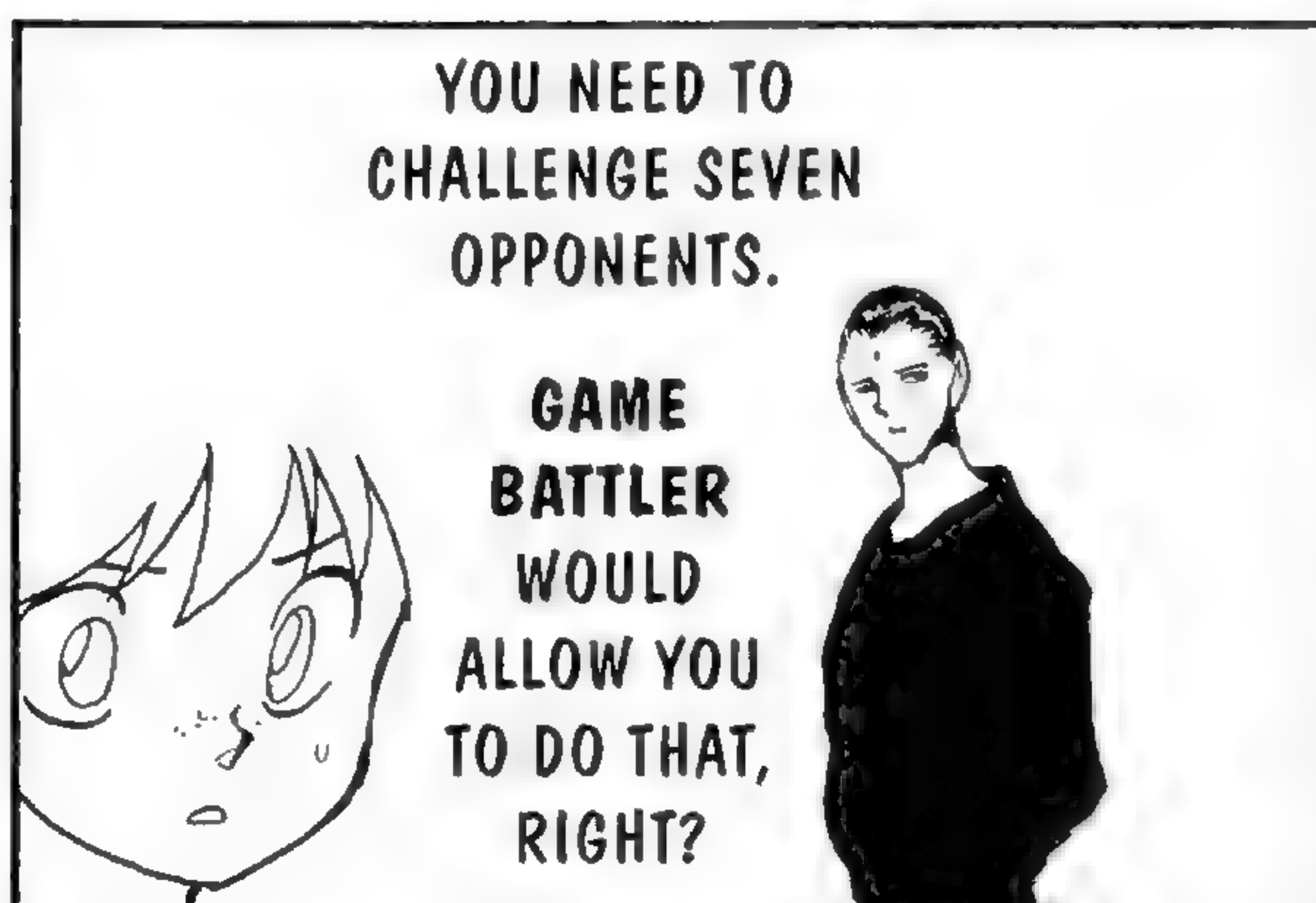
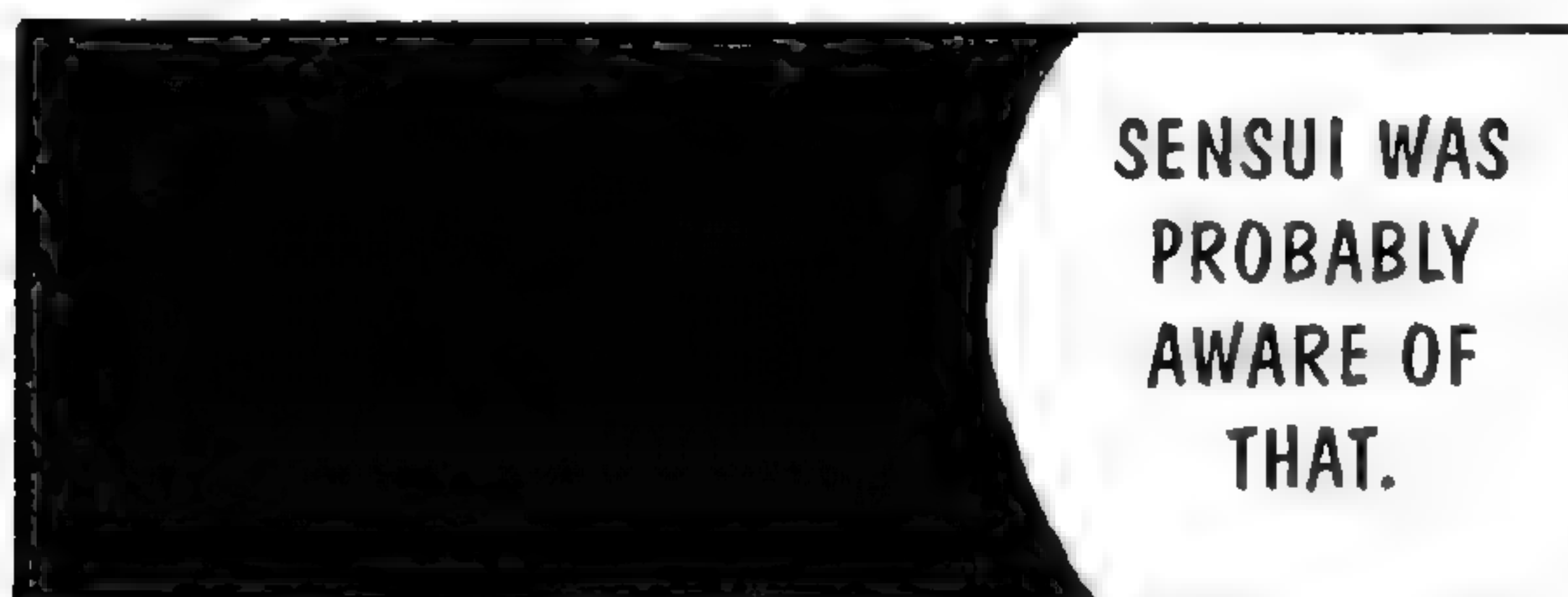
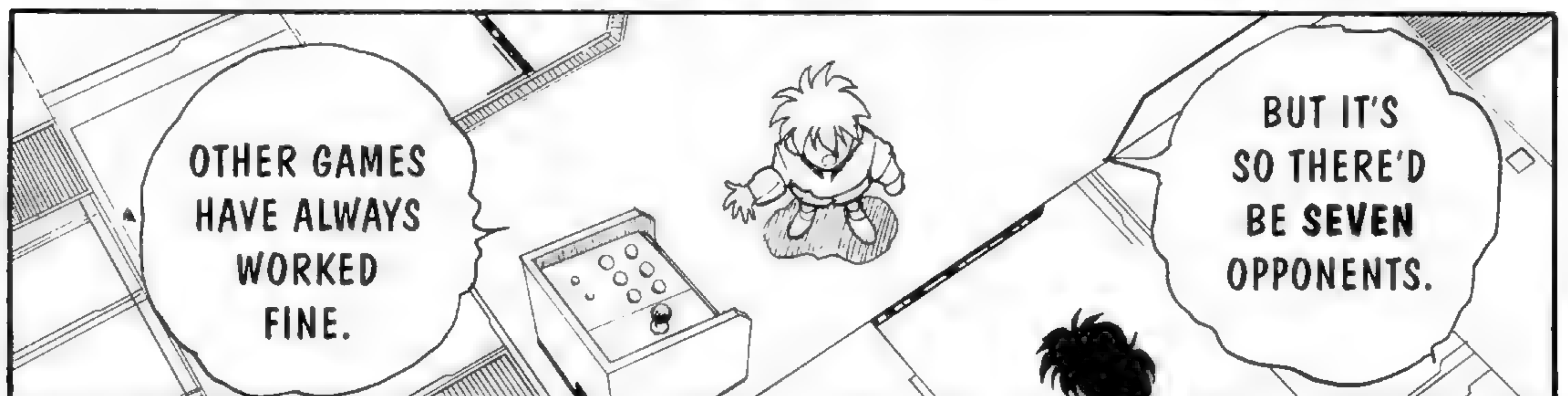
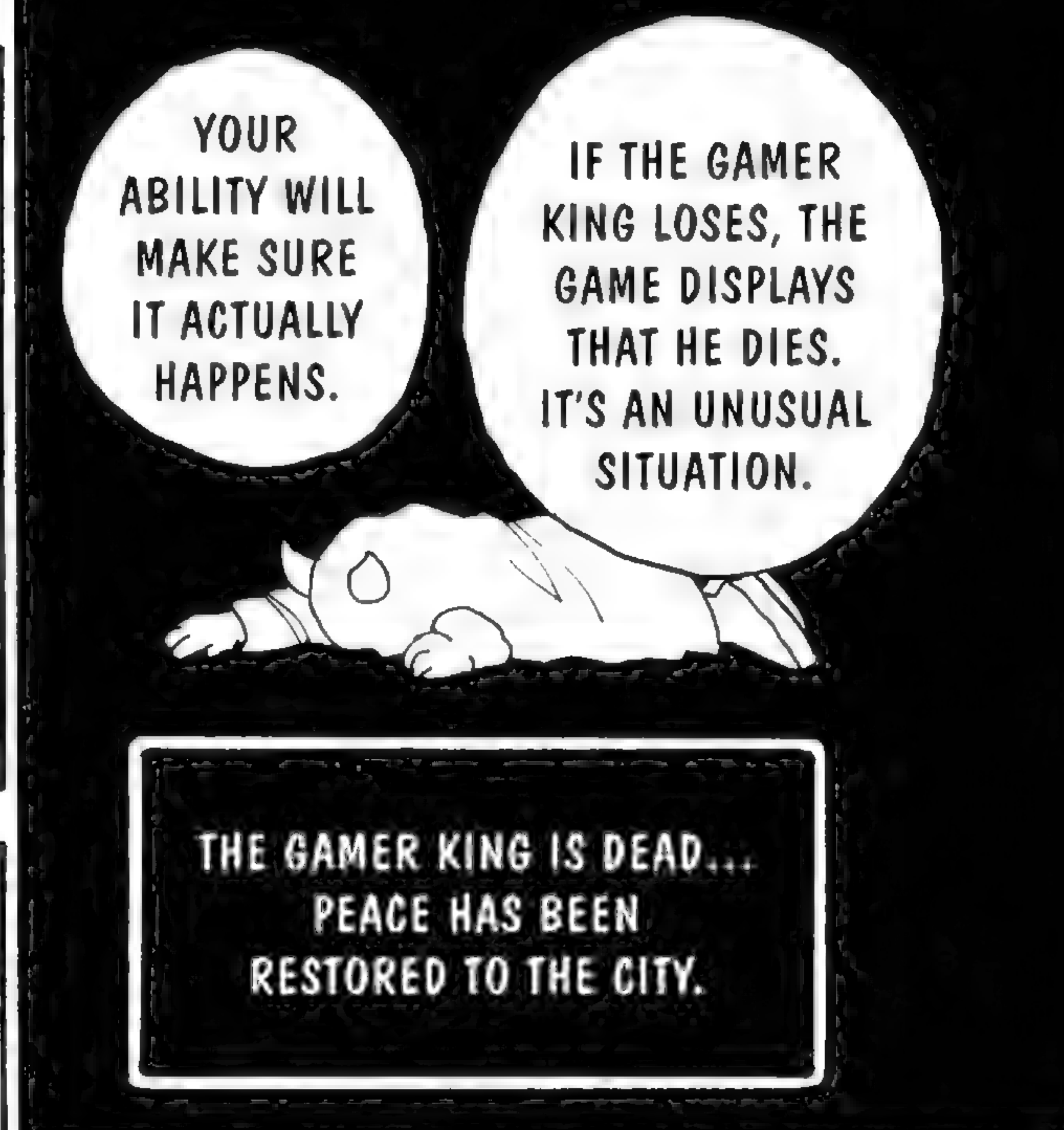


SURE.

AMANUMA... LET ME ASK YOU SOMETHING.









IF HE KNEW
HOW IT COULD
END, WHY WOULD
HE HAVE EVEN
STARTED ALL THIS
IN THE FIRST
PLACE?

WAIT A SECOND,
KURAMA! WASN'T IT
YOU WHO SAID THE KID
WASN'T OUT TO EXACT
ANY PENALTIES, LET
ALONE PLAY FOR
KEEPS?



...BY ADULTS
WHO PLAY TO
THEIR CHILDISH
IMPULSES, AS
SENSUI CLEARLY
DID.

AND KIDS
ARE EASILY
SWAYED...

...
AMANUMA
IS A KID.

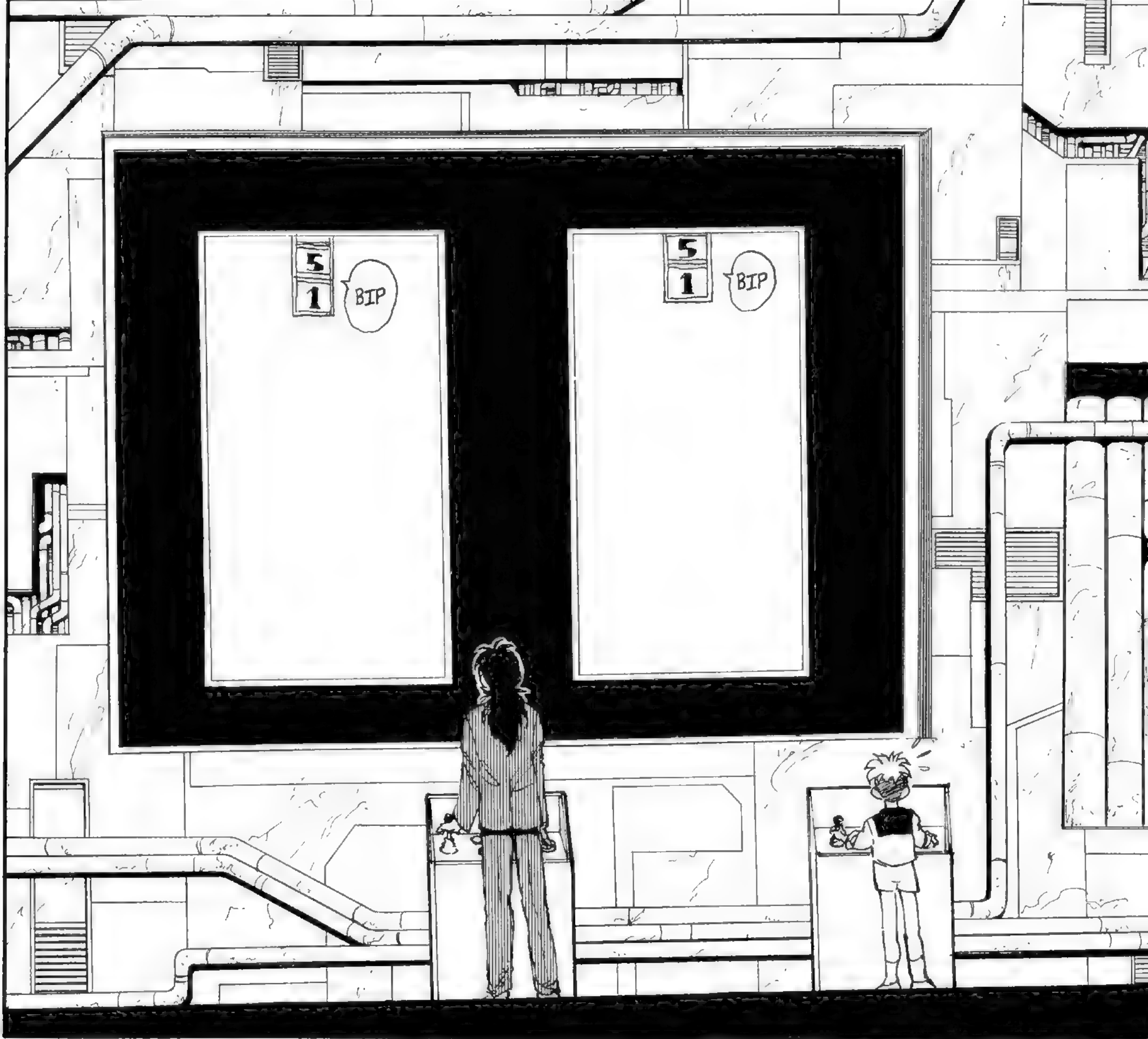
AS YOU
SAID...



THE ONE
WHOSE SCREEN
FILLS TO THE
TOP FIRST
LOSES!

GASP!

THE GAME
BEGINS!



AND THAT
JERK WATER
SENSUI KNEW
THAT?

...BUT
AMANUMA
LOSES ONCE
AND HE'S
TOAST?

SO IT'S
OKAY FOR US
TO JUST LOSE
AND LOSE...

...AND JUST
KEEP PLAYING
AND LOSING,
AGAIN AND
AGAIN...

HE EXPECTED
US TO FIGURE
THIS OUT...

...YOUTHFUL
ENTHUSIASM.

HE PLAYED ON
AMANUMA'S...

...SO
AMANUMA
WOULDN'T DIE.



GEEZ,
KURAMA!



IT'S A COLD,
DIRTY,
UNDER-
HANDED
TACTIC.

AND
HUMANITY'S
ONLY HOPE.



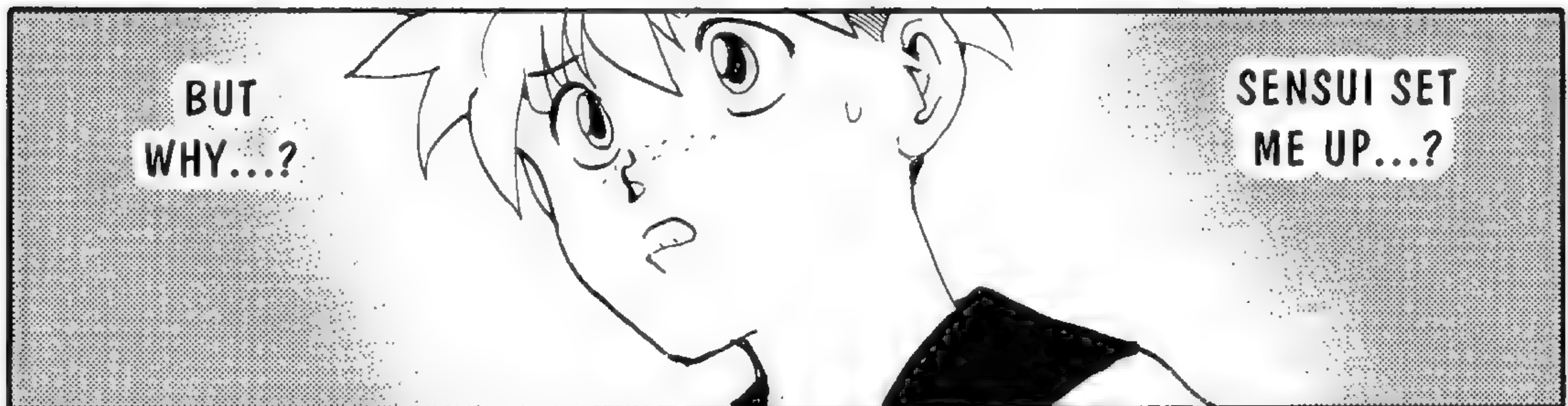
BUT KURAMA
MEANS TO
WIN. HE TOLD
AMANUMA THE
TRUTH...

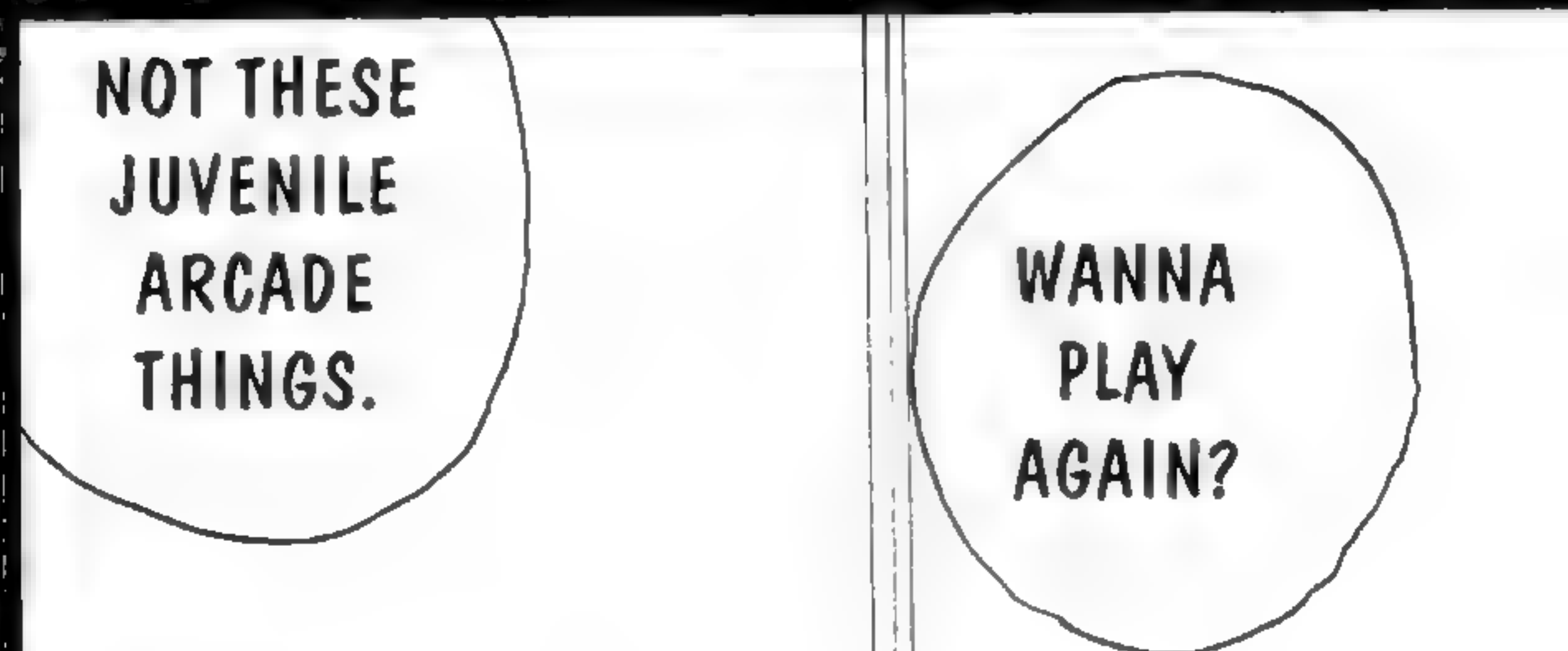
...TO MAKE
HIM LOSE
FOCUS. THAT
WILL SAVE
TIME.



BUT
WHY...?

SENSUI SET
ME UP...?





...AND YOUR
ABILITY
WOULD HELP
A LOT.

I'M GOING TO
CHANGE THE
WORLD...

BUT
THERE'S
MORE TO
IT, MUCH
MORE.

MMM...
THAT'S
PART OF
IT.

AS A VIDEO
GAME ACE?

MY
ABILITY?

AREN'T YOU
TIRED OF THE
STUPIDITY
OF...

...YOUR
PARENTS,
TEACHERS,
AND CLASS-
MATES?

DON'T YOU
FIND THE
WORLD
RATHER...
TEDIOUS?

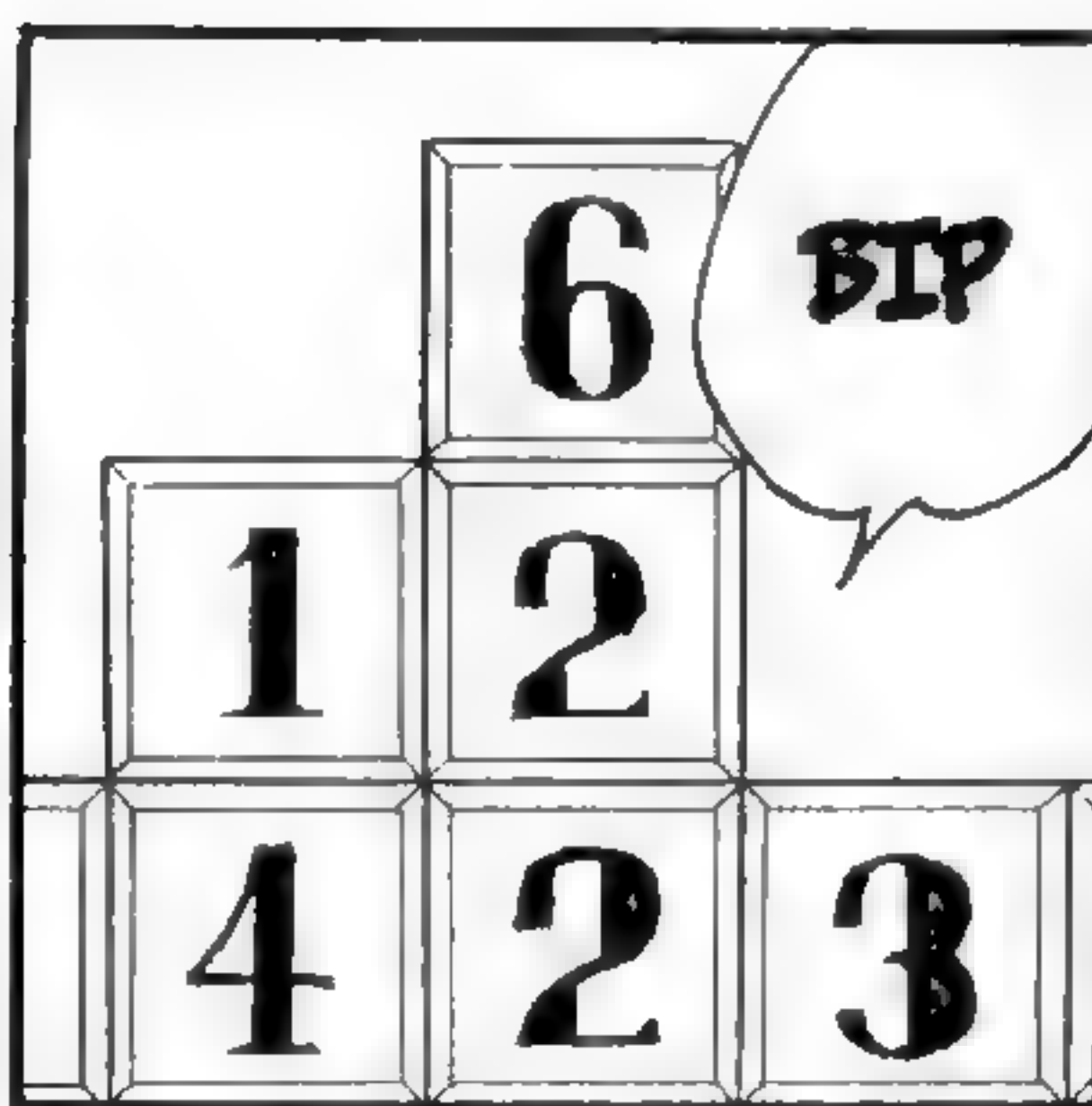
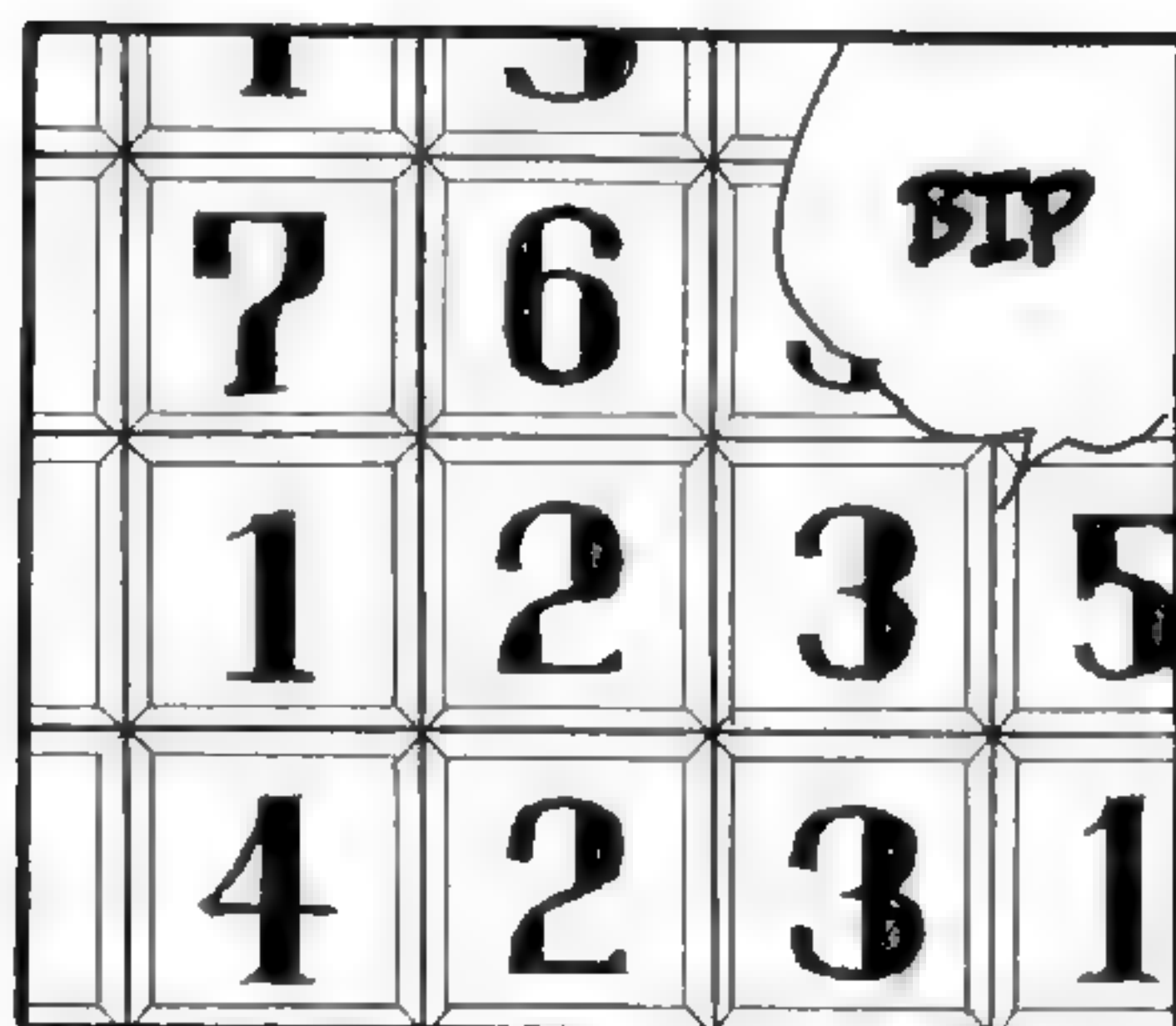
HOW DID I LET THIS
HAPPEN? I THOUGHT
I RULED IN MY
TERRITORY, BUT THE
FACT IS I'M
TRAPPED!



GAMES ARE THE GAMER
KING'S ONLY REASON FOR
BEING. SO WHEN HE
LOSES, HE DIES...

WITH YOUR ABILITY
DRIVING IT, THEY'LL
HAVE NO CHANCE
AGAINST YOU...

USE GAME
BATTLER TO FIGHT
URAMESHI...IT WILL
ASSURE YOUR
TRIUMPH!



HE'S
REALLY
RATTLED.



THE KID'S
BLOCKS
ARE PILING
UP.



...ISN'T
THERE A WAY
OUT OF THIS?

LOOK...
UM...



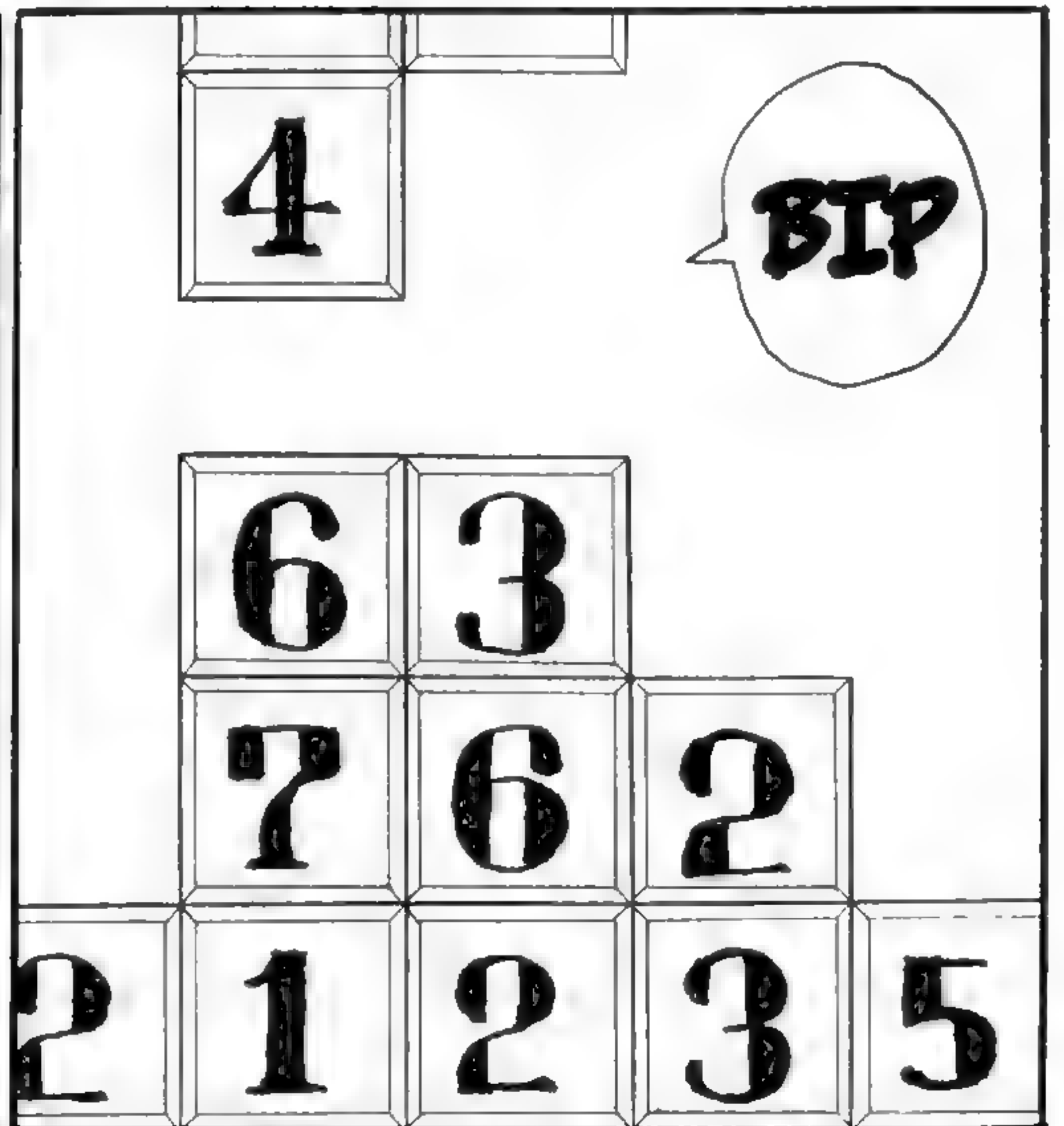
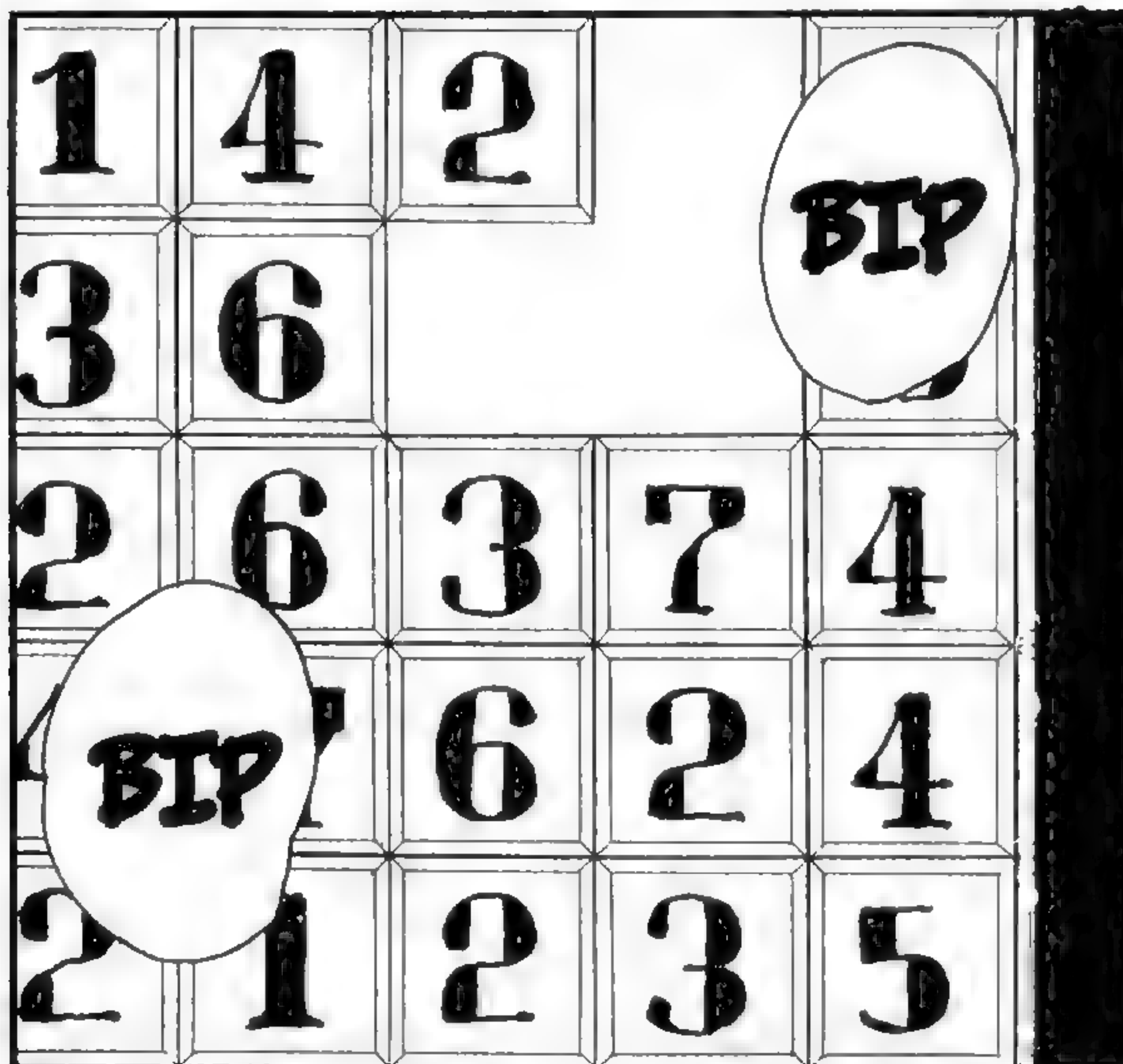
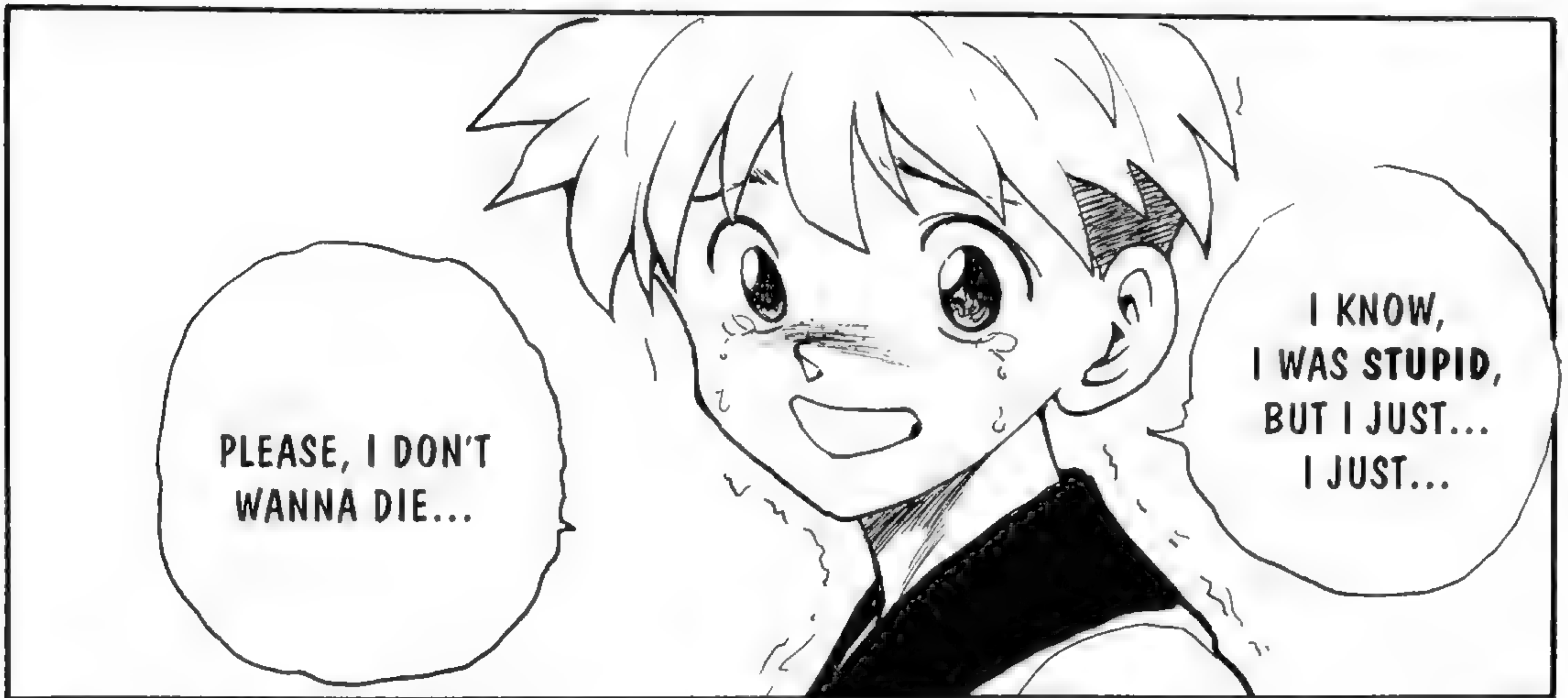
...I CAN'T
WITHDRAW,
OR FORFEIT!
PLEASE...

ONCE I'M A
CHARACTER
IN A
GAME...

IT'S YOUR
ABILITY...
YOU TELL
ME.

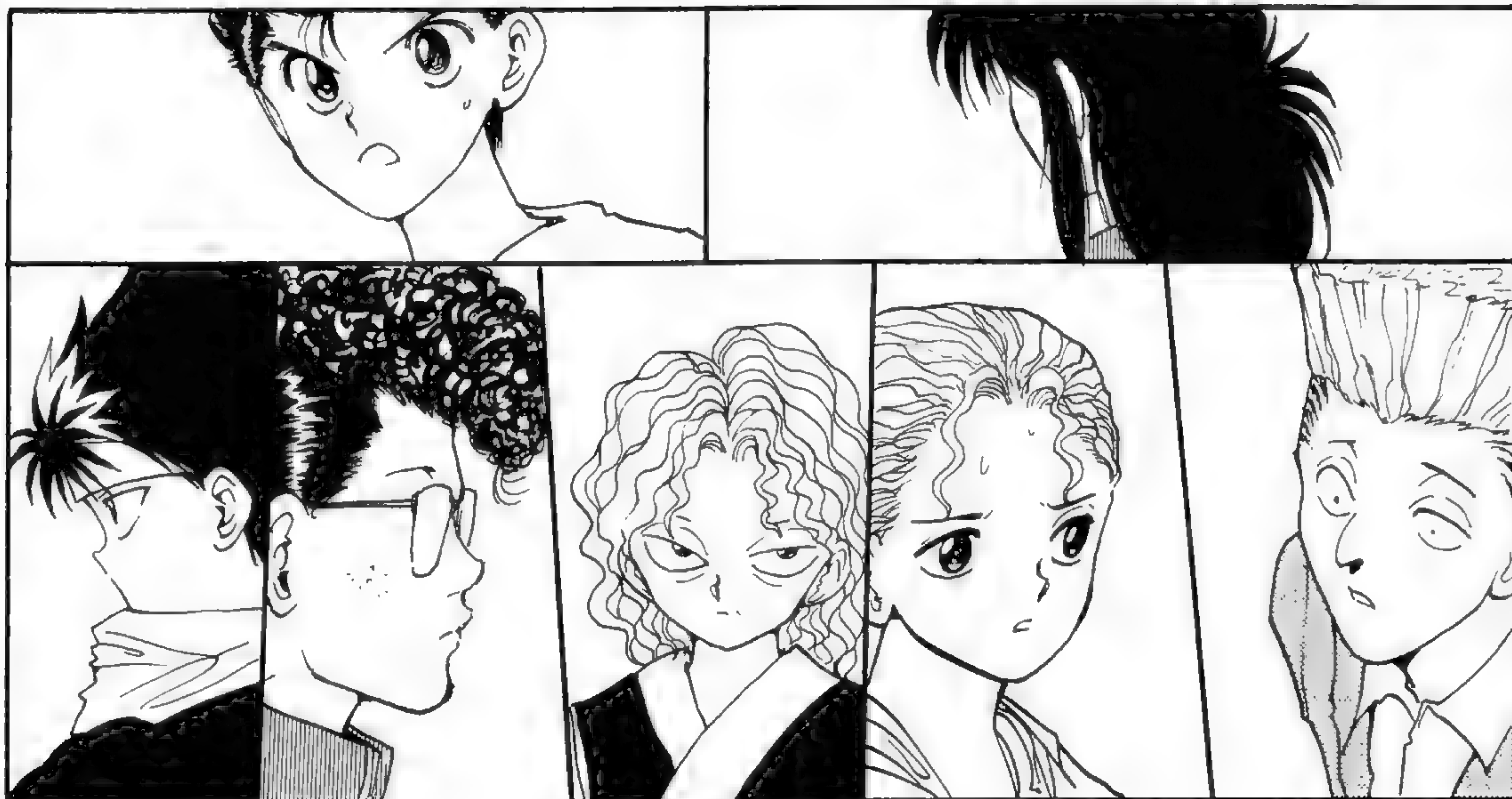
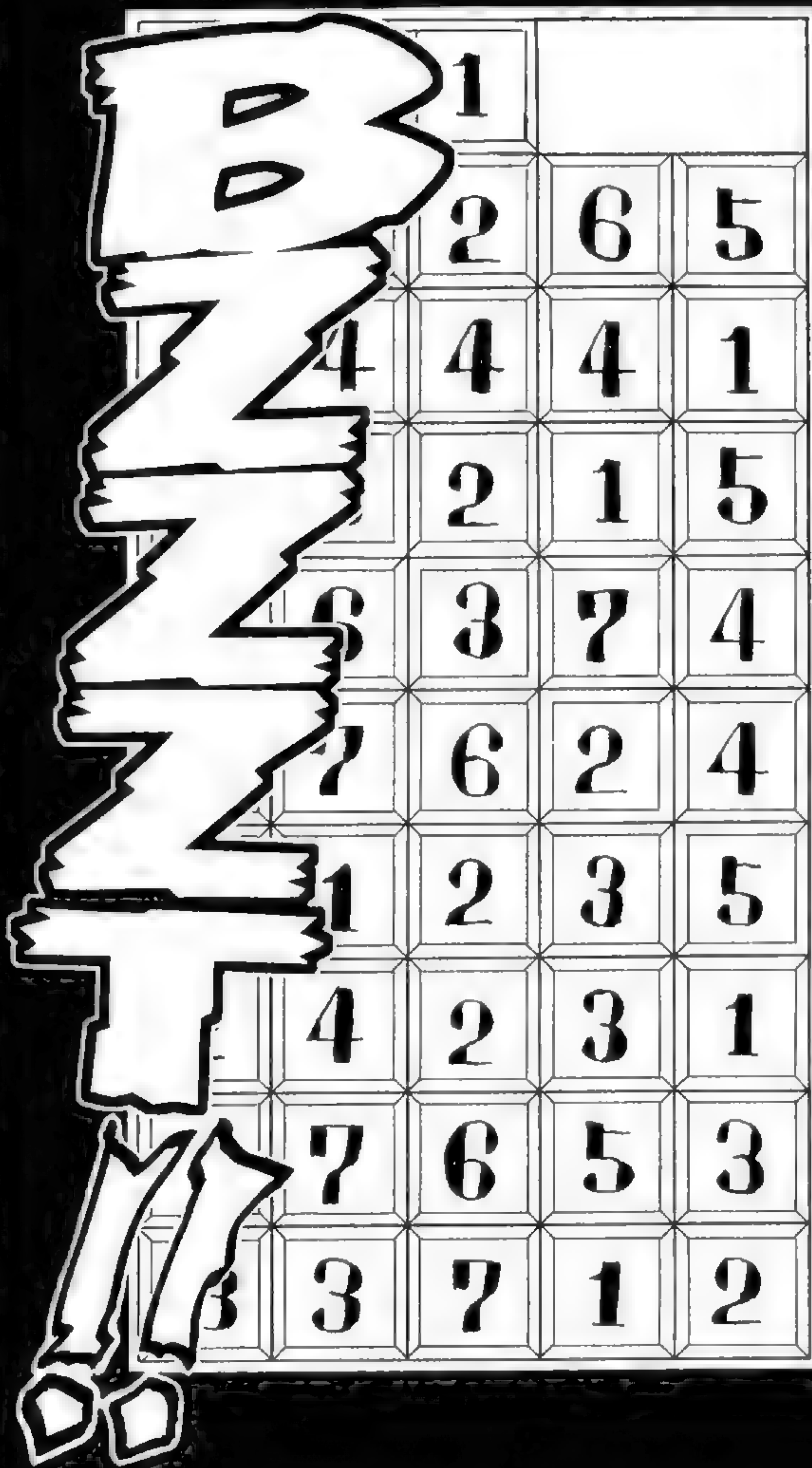


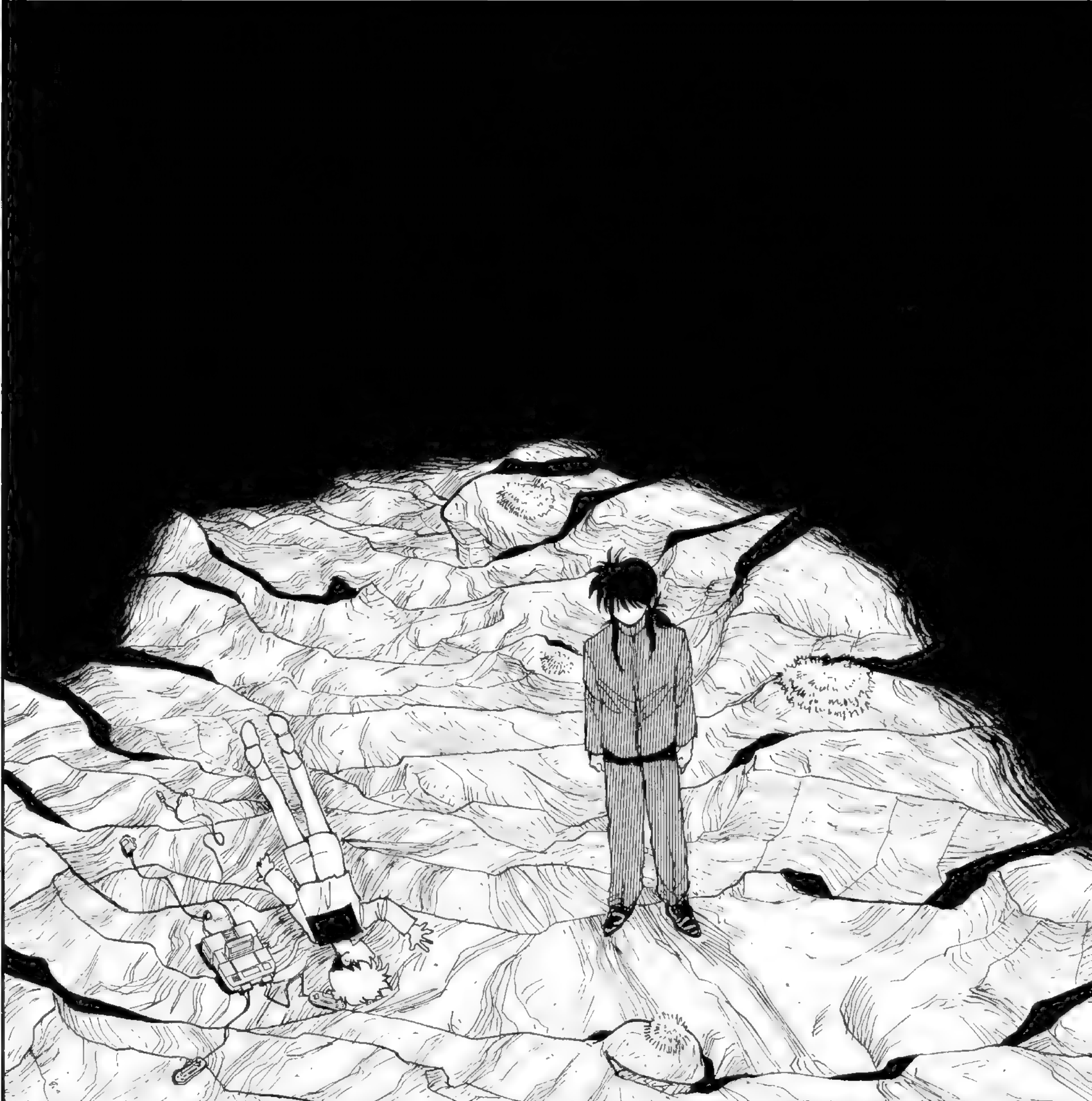
SORRY,
KID...THAT'S
HOW IT IS.

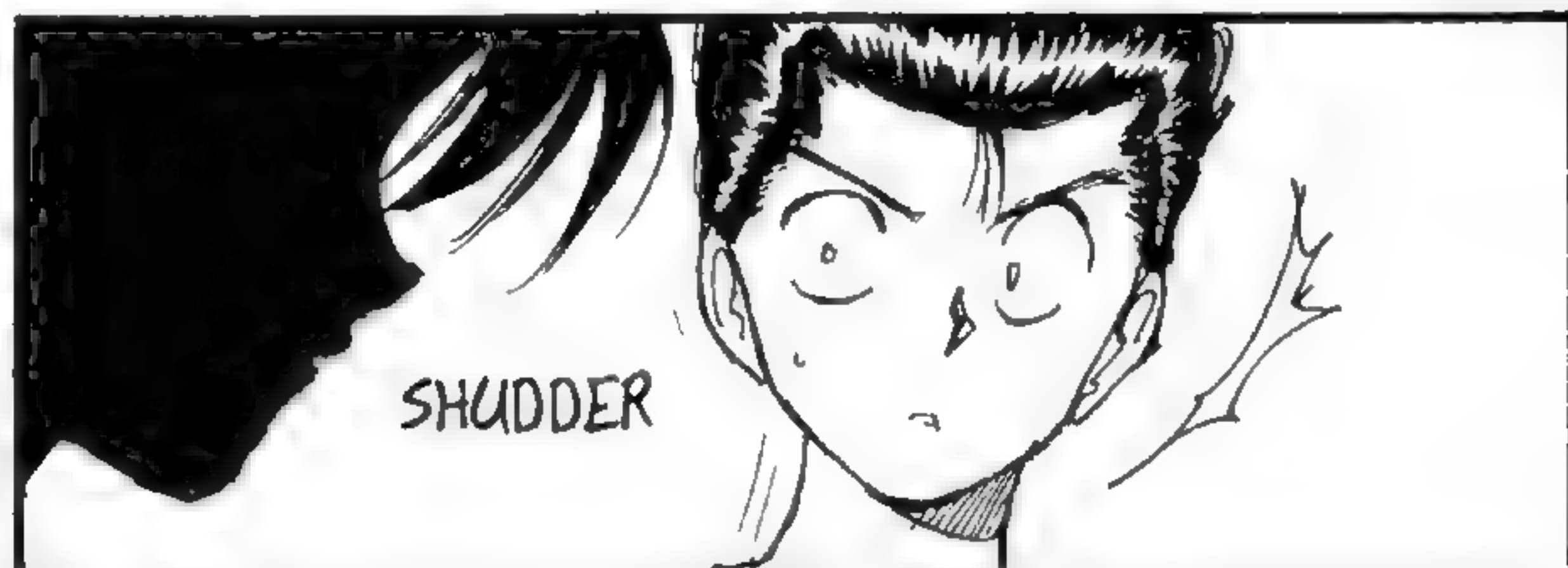


GAME
OVER!!

LOSER:
THE
GAMER
KING!!










STANDOFF AT THE ELEVENTH HOUR!!




PEOPLE WERE BEEN
UNAWARE THEIR CITY
HAD BEEN SWARMING
WITH LESSER DEMONS.

THEY WERE NO MORE
AWARE WHEN THOSE
DEMONS FLED, SENSING
SOMETHING DIRE IN
THE OFFING.

THE THUNDER-
STORM WARNING
FOR SWARM CITY
HAS BEEN
CANCELED.

AUTHORITIES
HAVE STILL
BEEN UNABLE
TO LOCATE
KAMIYA...



IT WAS THE CALM
BEFORE THE
STORM...

ELEVENTH HOUR!!!



THE GUYS
MUST'VE
DEFEATED
THE SEVEN!



HEY...

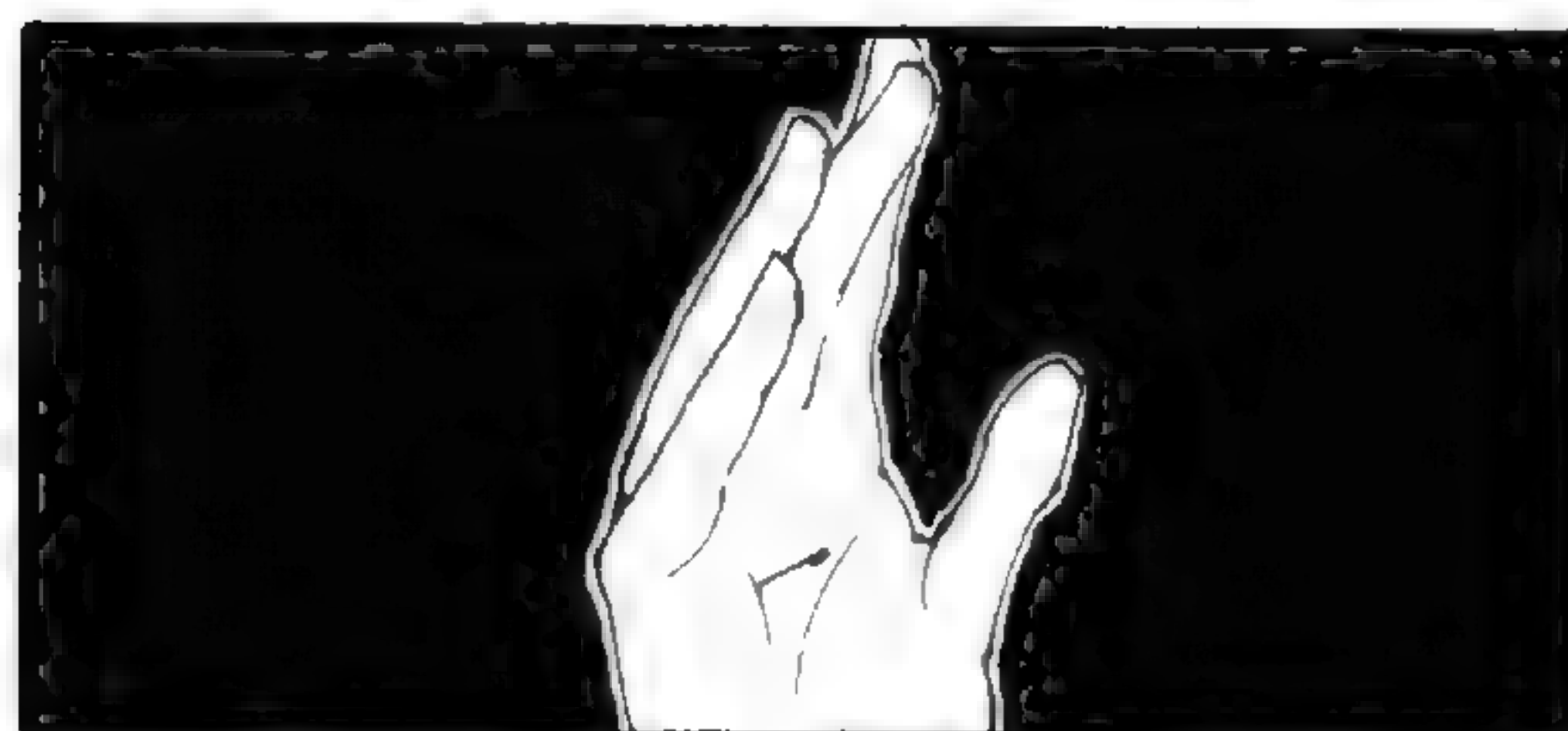
...NO MORE
CLOUDS! THE
SKY OVER THE
CITY IS CLEAR!

STANDOFF AT THE





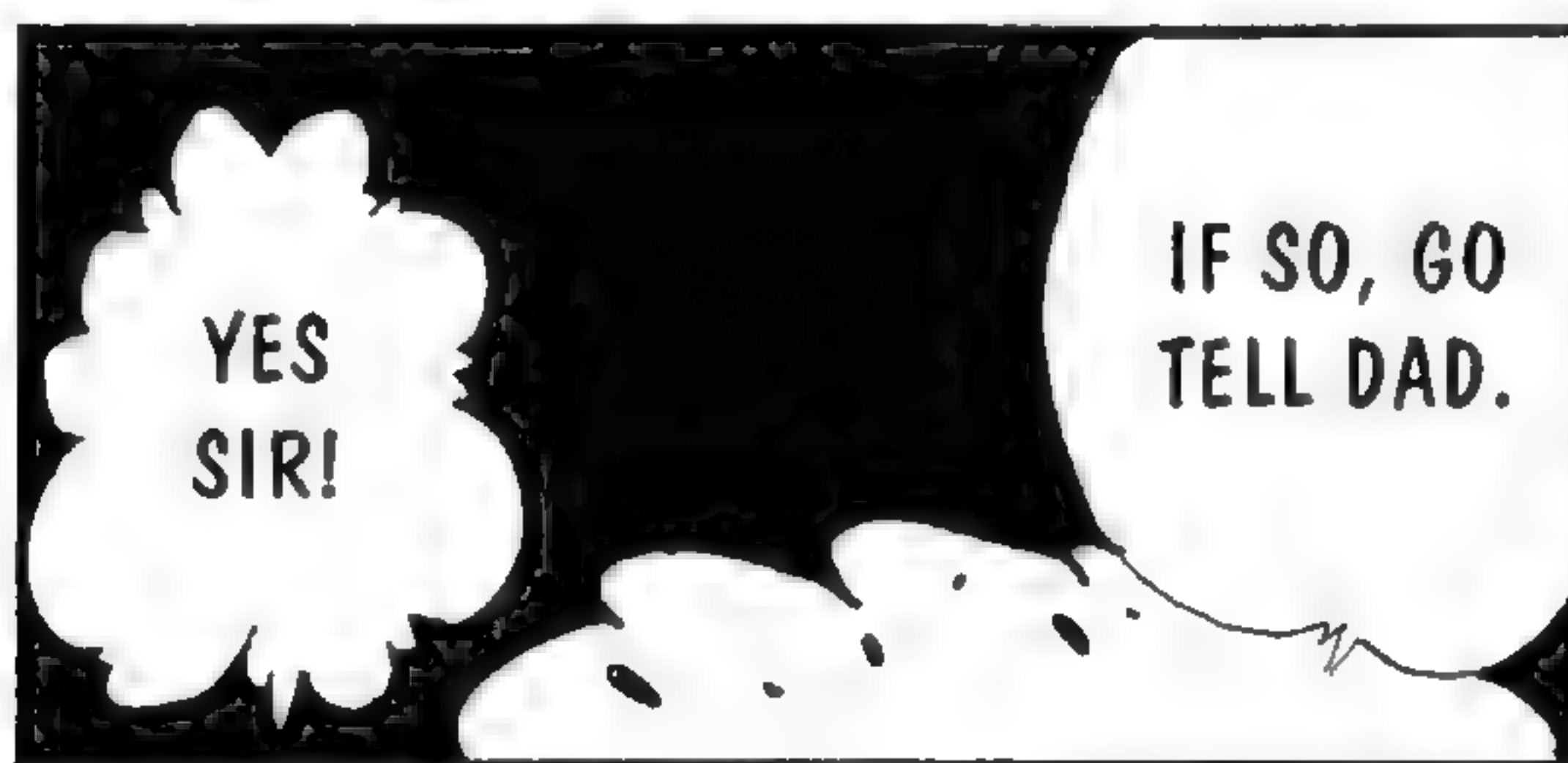
YEAH?





I'M GOING
IN TO JOIN
YUSUKE.

KEEP AN EYE
ON THINGS
OUT HERE. IN
TWO HOURS...



YES
SIR!

IF SO, GO
TELL DAD.



...THAT WILL
SIGNAL THAT
THE PORTAL IS
COMPLETE.

...IF
THERE'S AN
EARTHQUAKE...



WHAT'LL
THAT DO, I
WONDER
...?

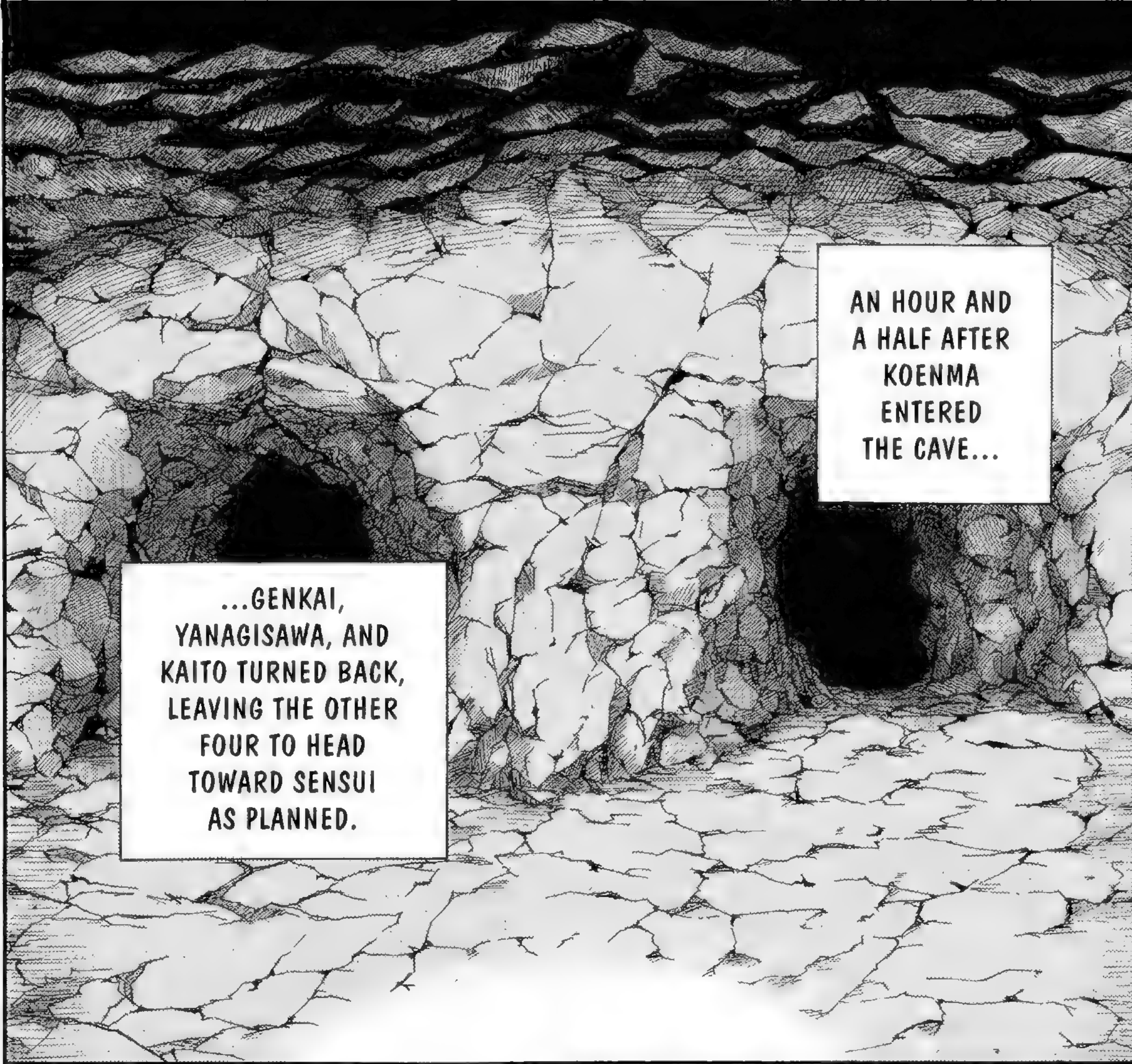
HMM

BOTAN
DOESN'T
KNOW...
BUT DOES
ANYONE?



HE'S GONNA
TAKE OUT HIS
PACIFIER?





AN HOUR AND
A HALF AFTER
KOENMA
ENTERED
THE CAVE...

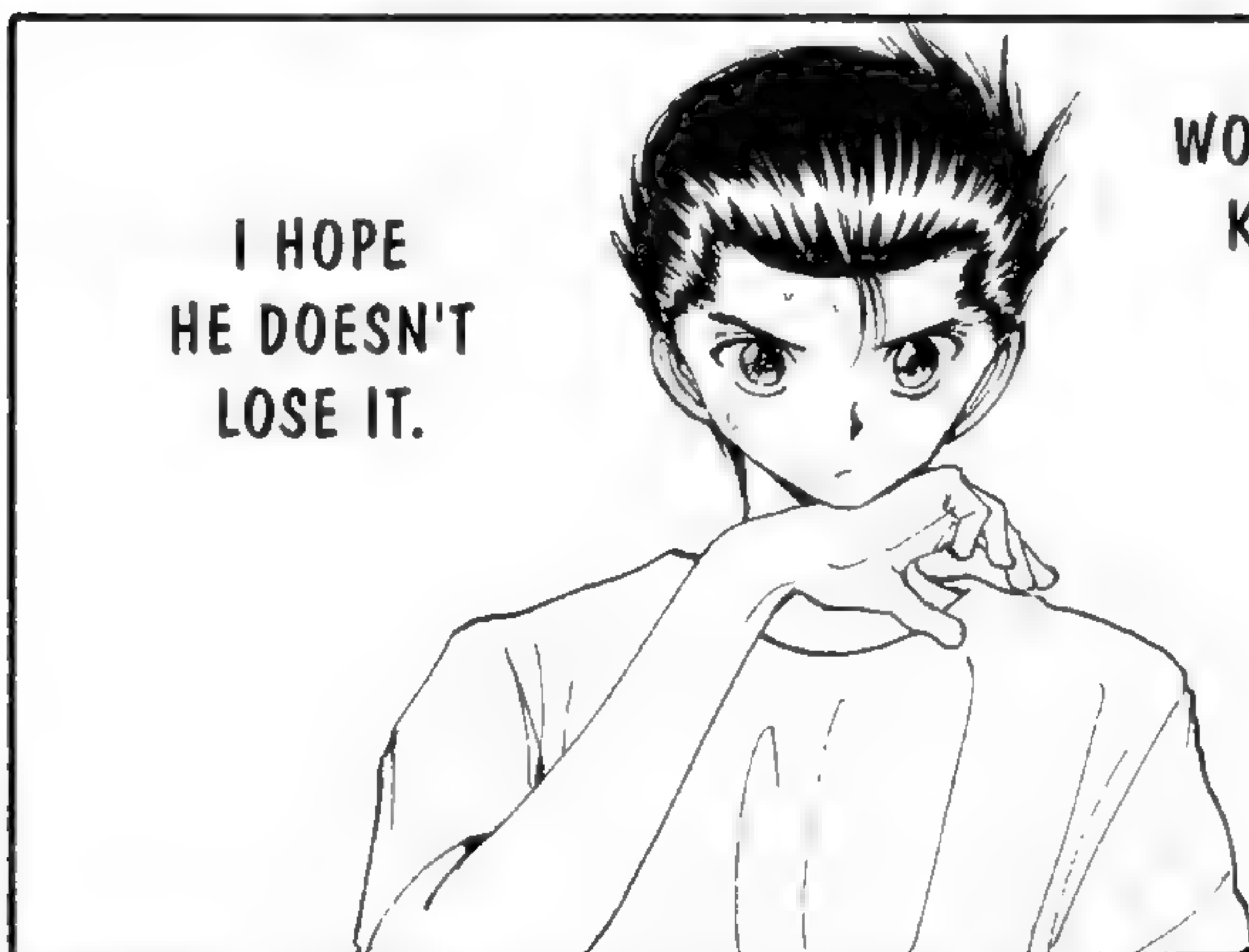
...GENKAI,
YANAGISAWA, AND
KAITO TURNED BACK,
LEAVING THE OTHER
FOUR TO HEAD
TOWARD SENSUI
AS PLANNED.



THE
MIASMA'S
GETTING
THICKER.

I CAN
TELL.

NEXT, WE
MAKE A
RIGHT.

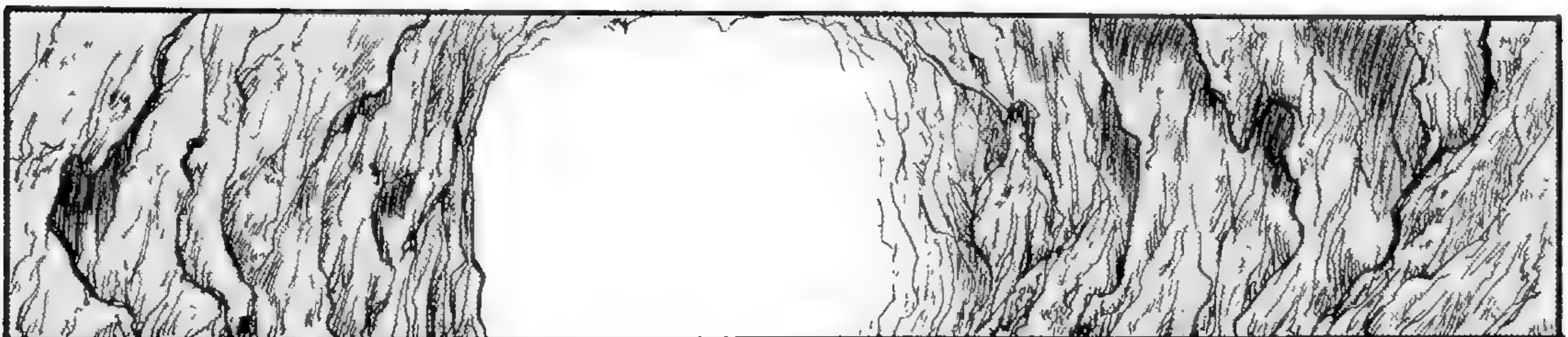
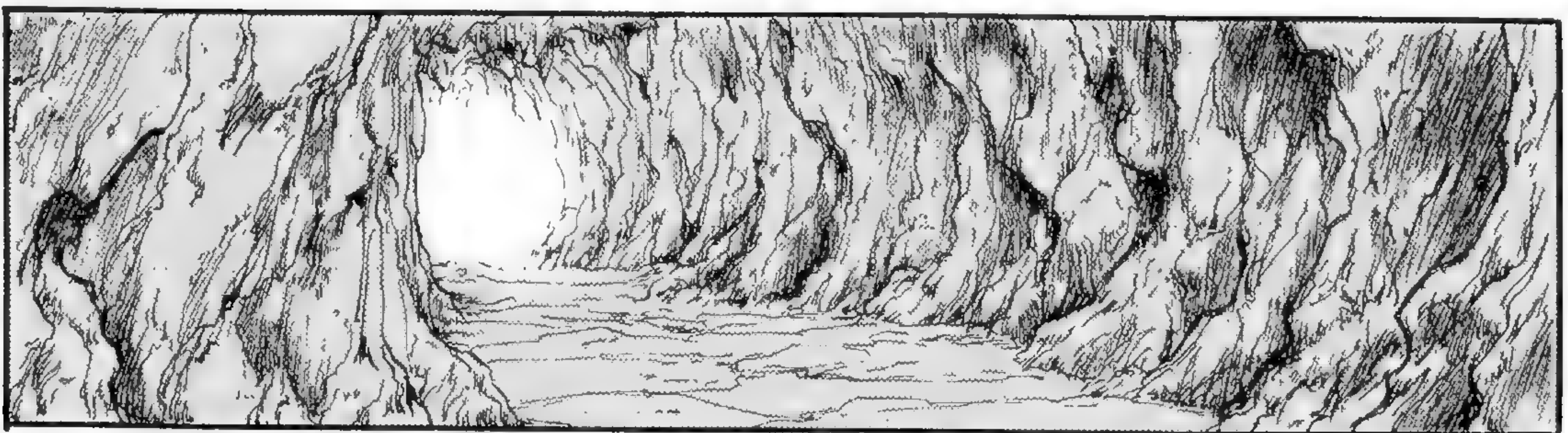
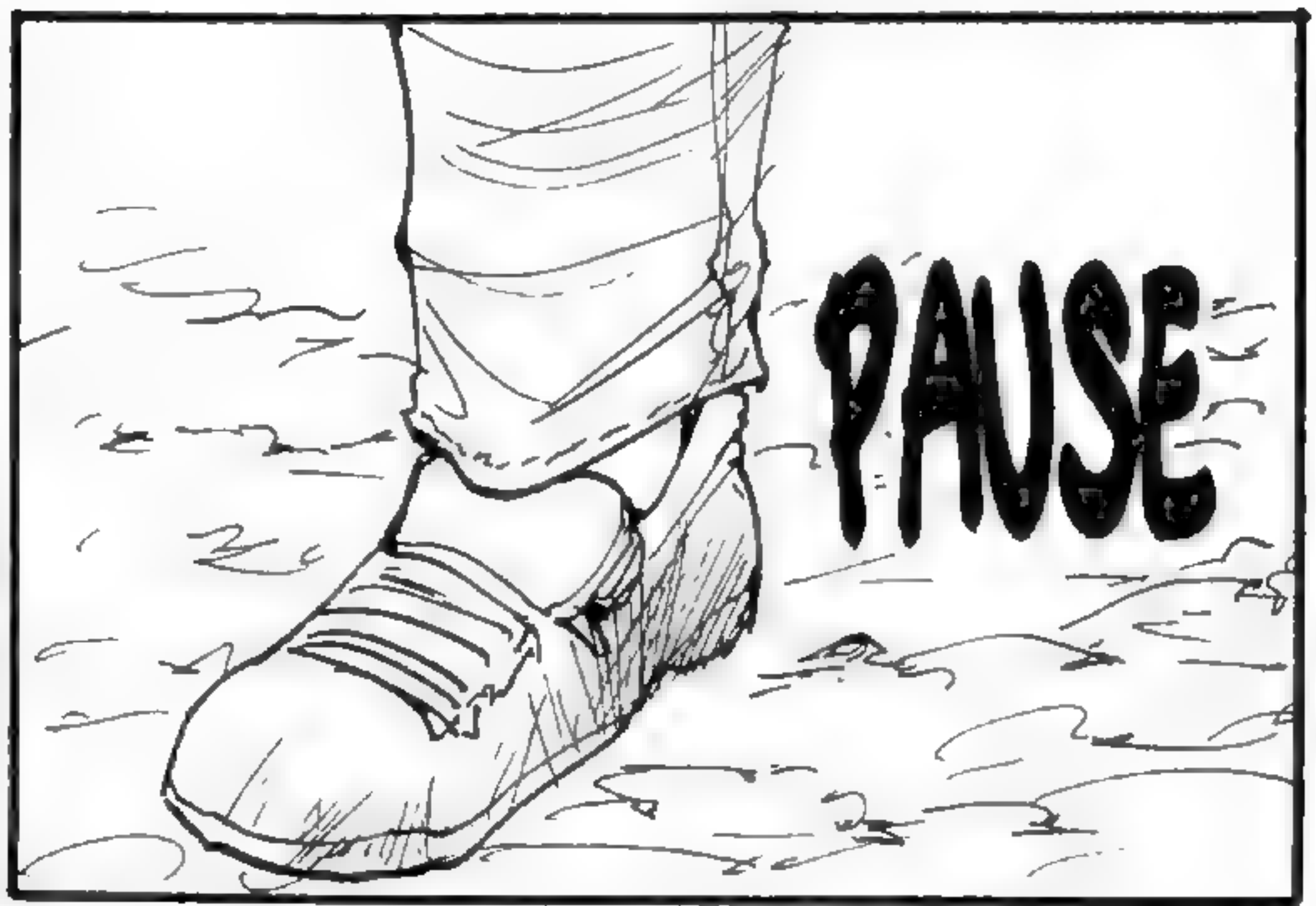


I HOPE
HE DOESN'T
LOSE IT.

WONDER HOW
KURAMA'S
DOING?



If Yusuke has to worry about you...watch out!



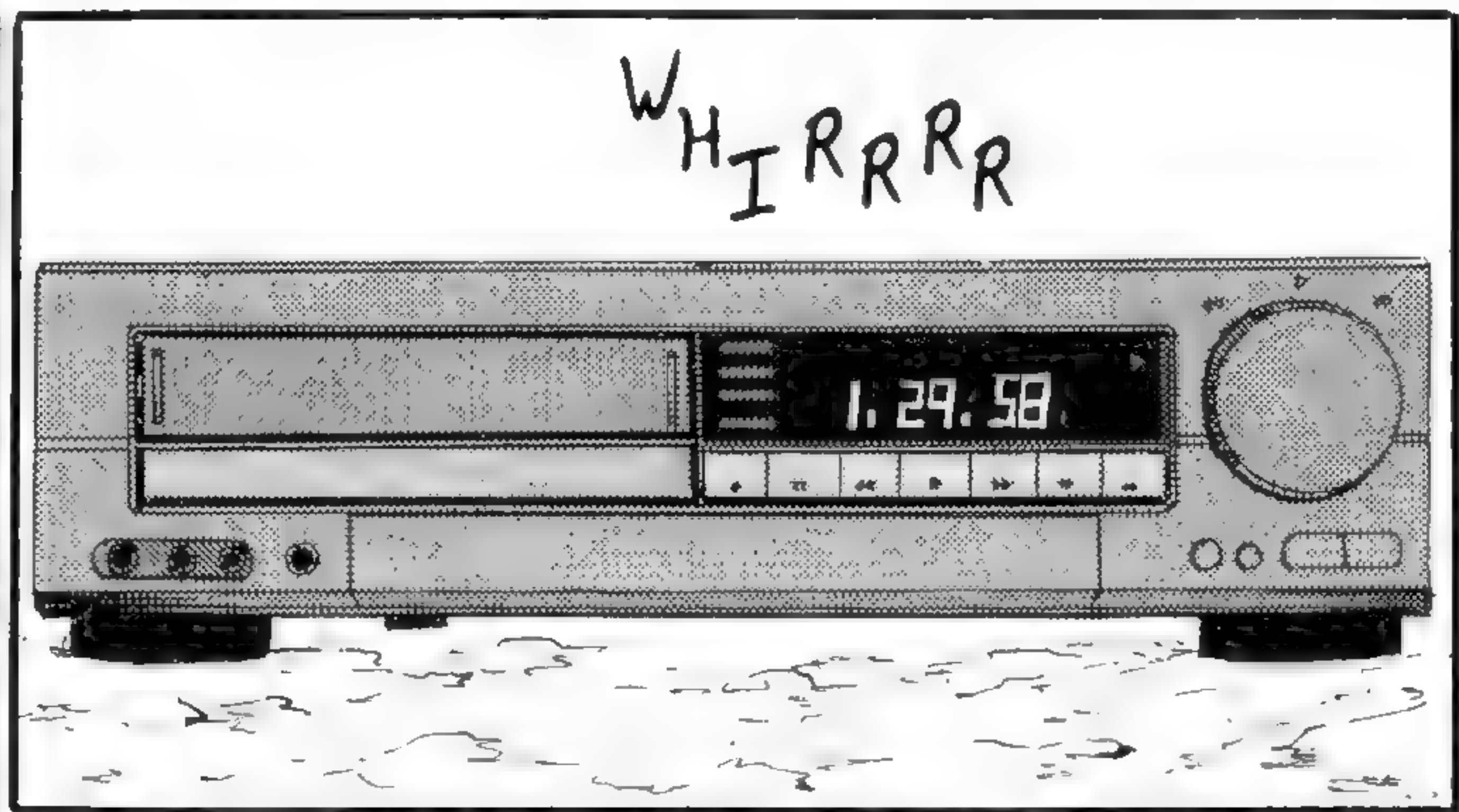
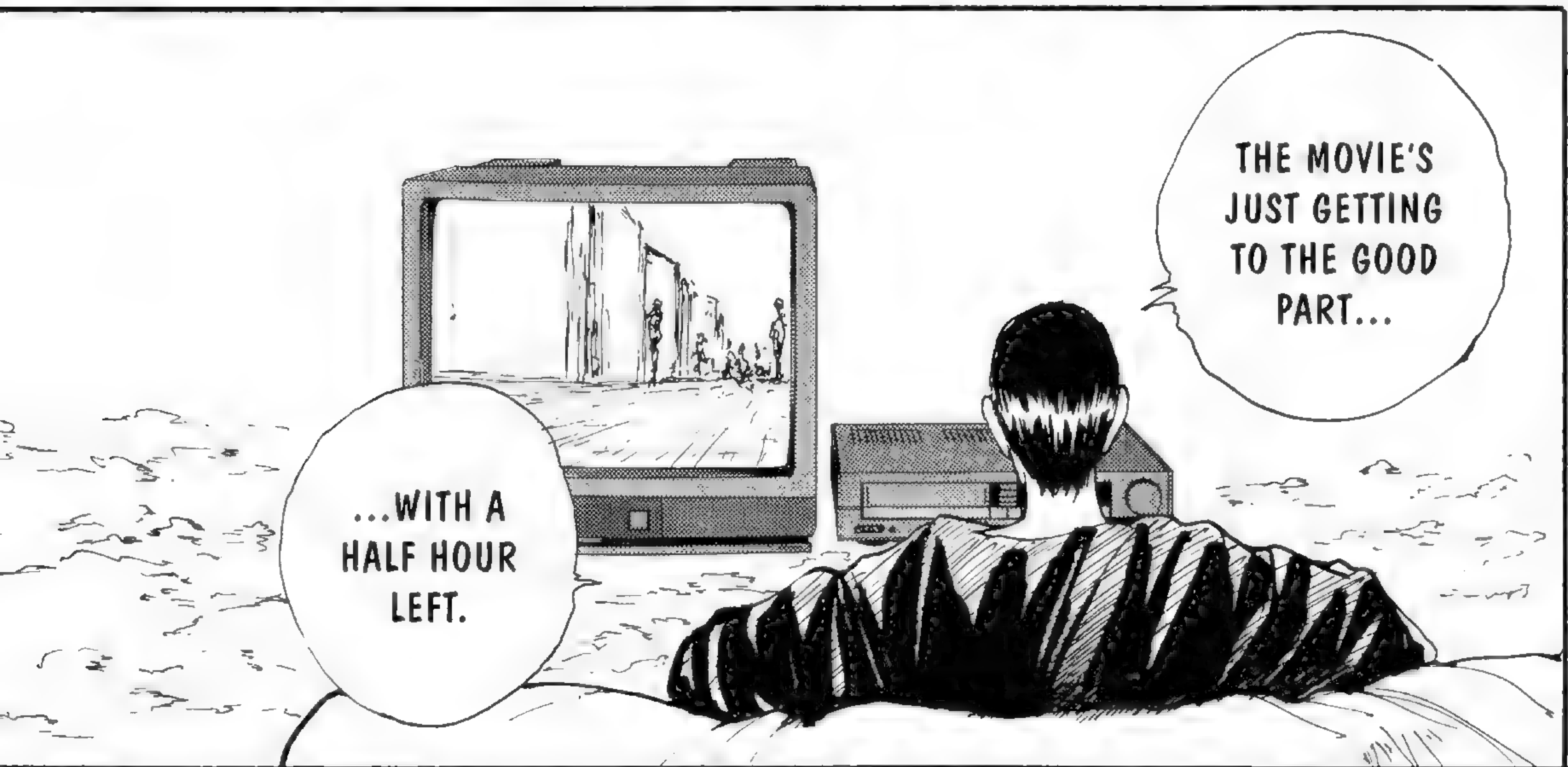




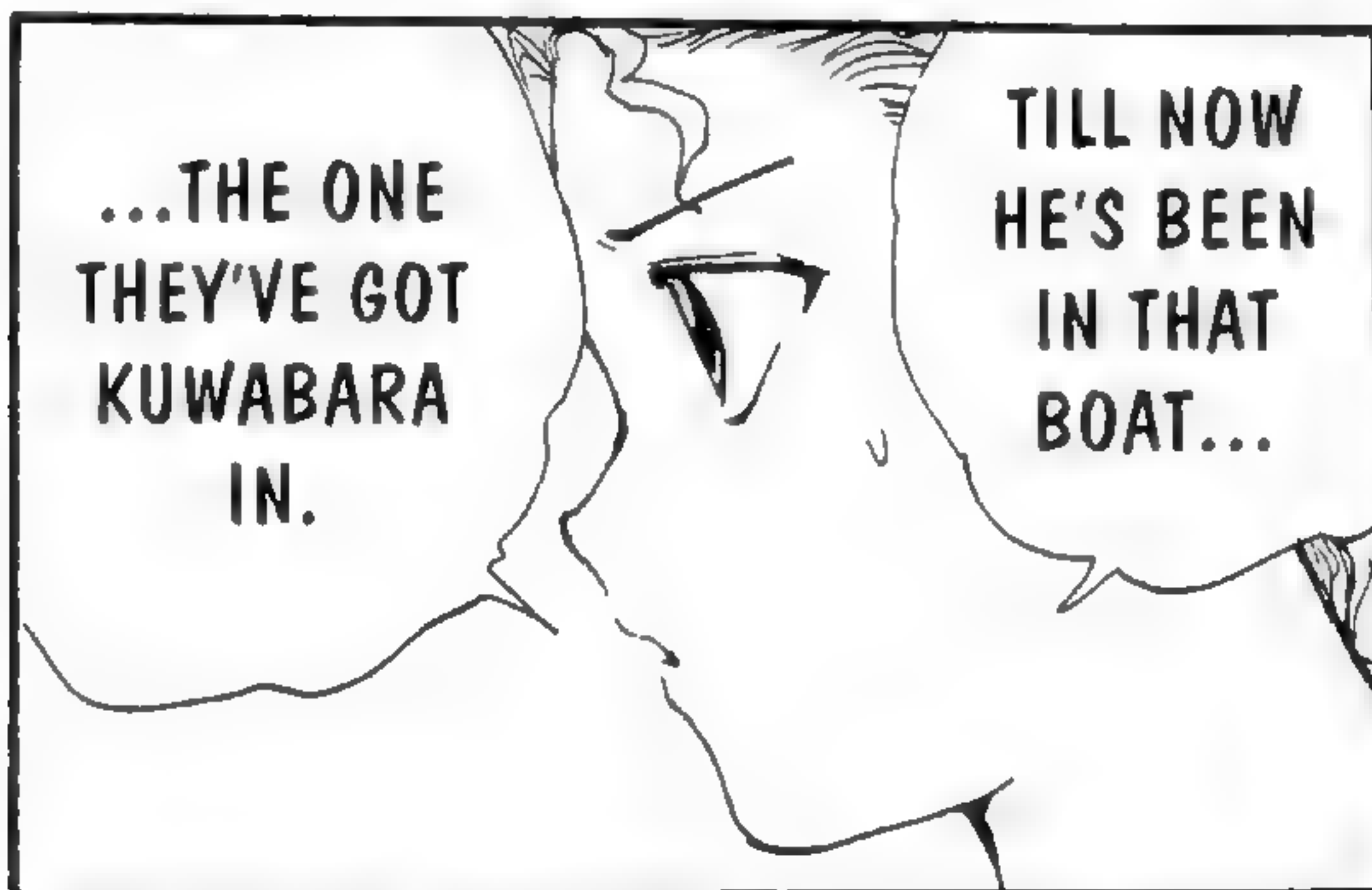
WELCOME.













CLASS-B DEMONS
ACTUALLY HAVE
MORE THAN
THEIR BELLIES
ON THEIR MINDS.

CLASS-C DEMONS,
I'D SAY. LIKE PIGS AT
A TROUGH, ALL THEY
WANT TO DO IS
GORGE THEMSELVES.



THEY WILL STAY
BACK, BIDDING
THEIR TIME, WAIT-
ING FOR THE FIRST
FLUSH OF CHAOS TO
SUBSIDE.

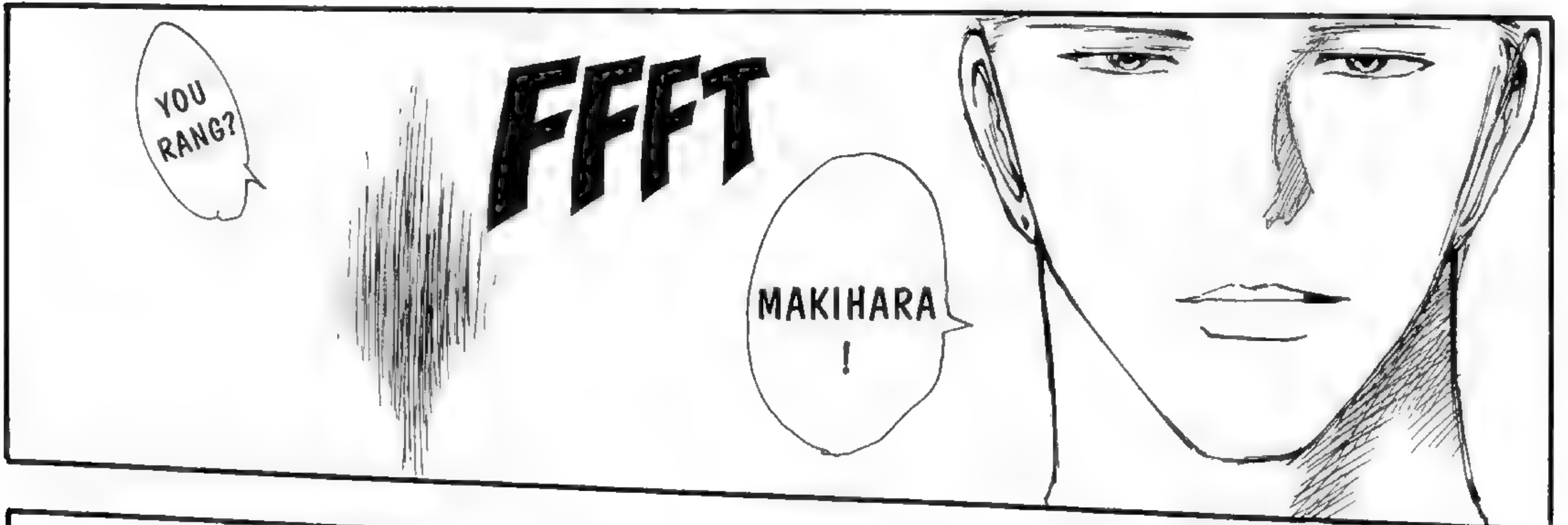
AS FOR CLASS-A,
SOME HAVE A REAL
QUALITY OF MYTH
ABOUT THEM, AND
HAVE EVEN BEEN
DEIFIED.

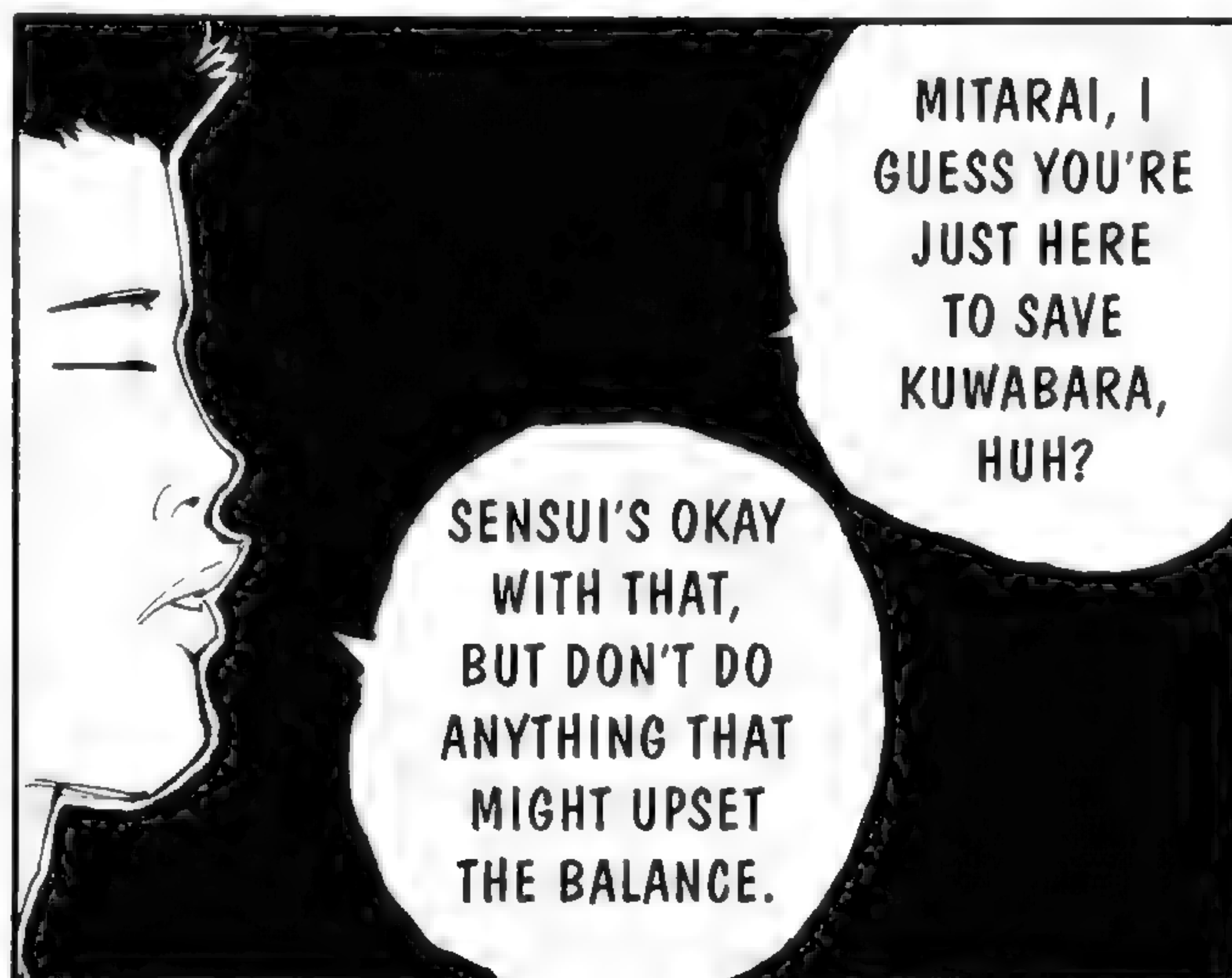
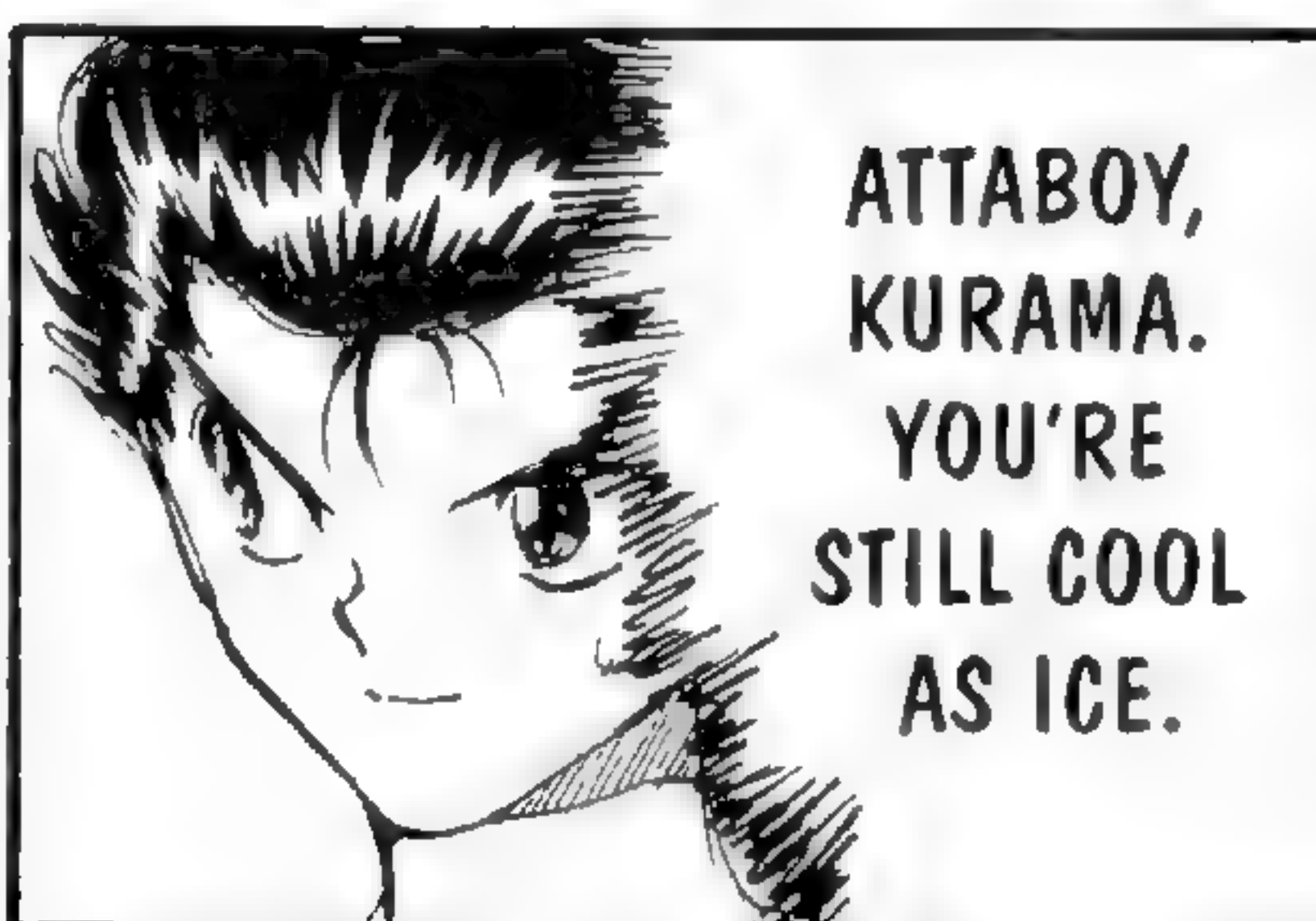
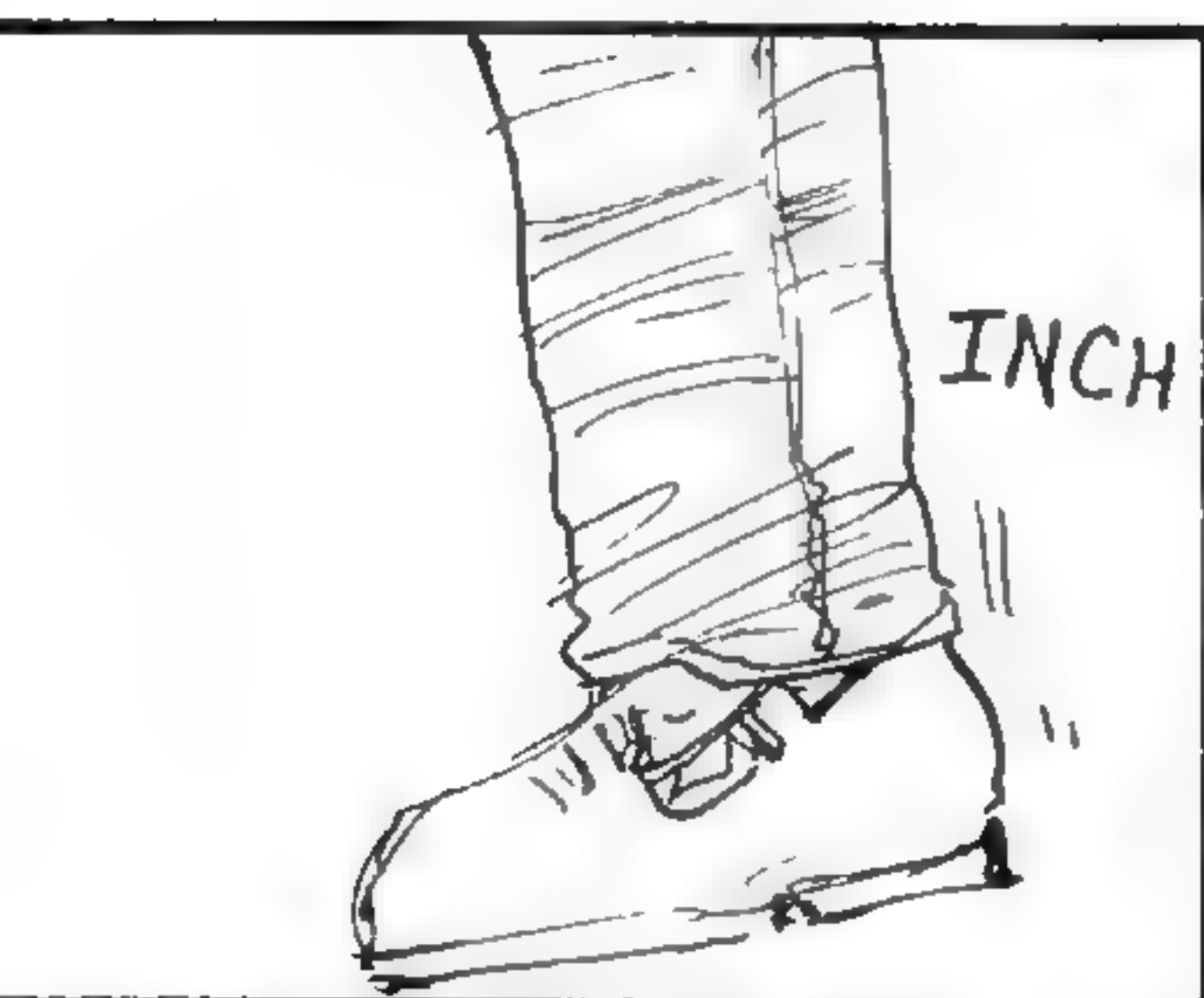
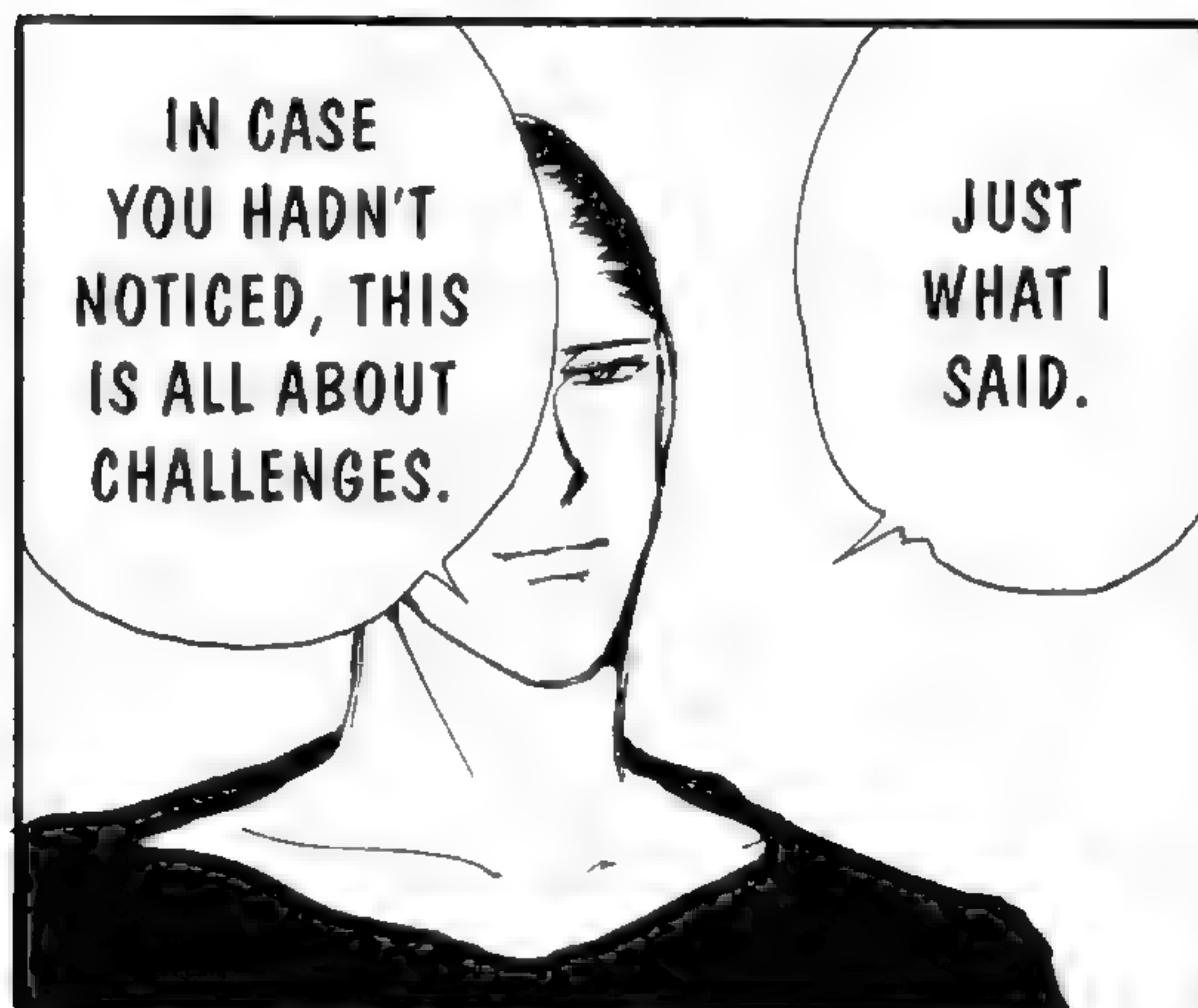
YOU MIGHT SEE
LEGENDARY
CREATURES NO
ONE HAS LAID
EYES ON IN
MILLENNIA.

THEY WERE
WORSHIPPED
ONCE, AND
WILL BE
AGAIN!

IN LESS THAN
HALF AN HOUR
YOU WILL WITNESS
SOMETHING TRULY
HISTORIC.









AS FOR YOU,
KURAMA...



...YOU'RE NOT
PLEASED YOU HAD
TO KILL AMANUMA,
ARE YOU? YOU'RE
SICK AND ANGRY
ABOUT IT, IN FACT.



HE'S MADE
A DEAL,
AND HE'LL
STICK TO IT.



TWITCH



'AT'S
RIGHT,
BRO...



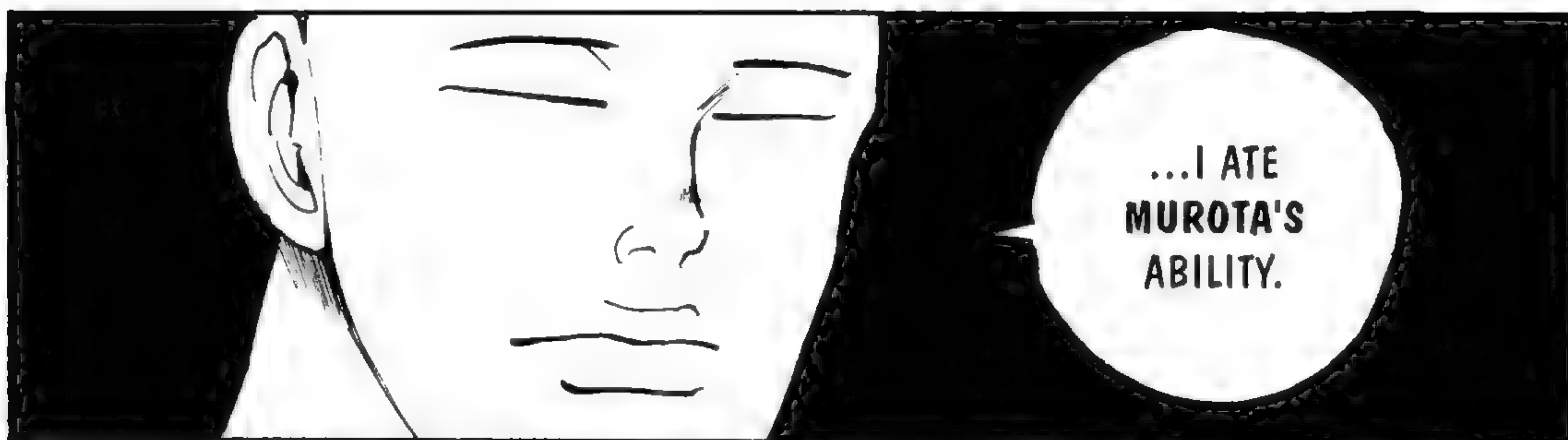
DON'T
TELL ME
YOU'VE—

AH!



HOW
COULD HE
KNOW?!

IT'S
LIKE HE'S
READING...



...I ATE
MUROTA'S
ABILITY.



IT'S ME
HE'S AFTER
ANYWAY.



LEAVE IT
TO ME.

KURAMA
...



HIS MIND...
IT'S FALLEN
SILENT...



BLIP

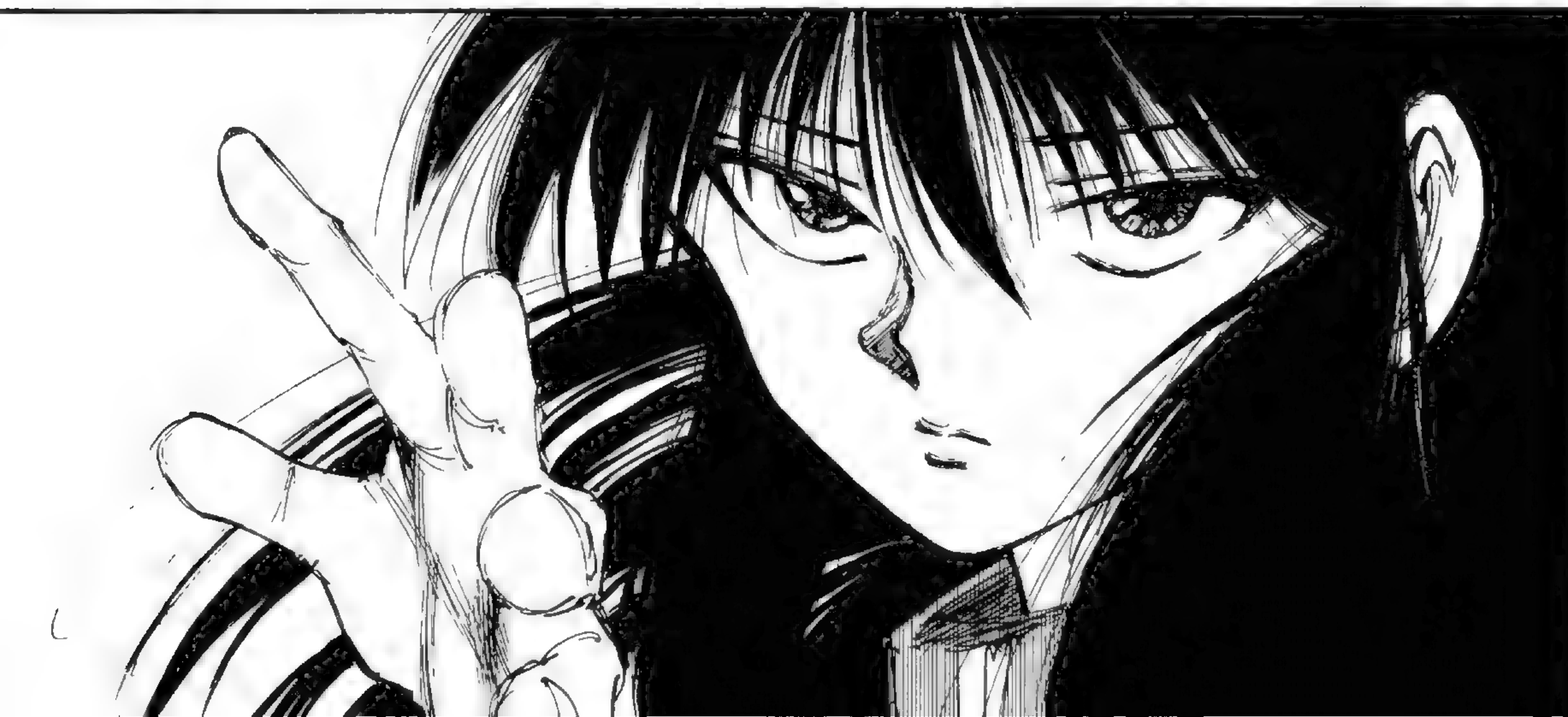
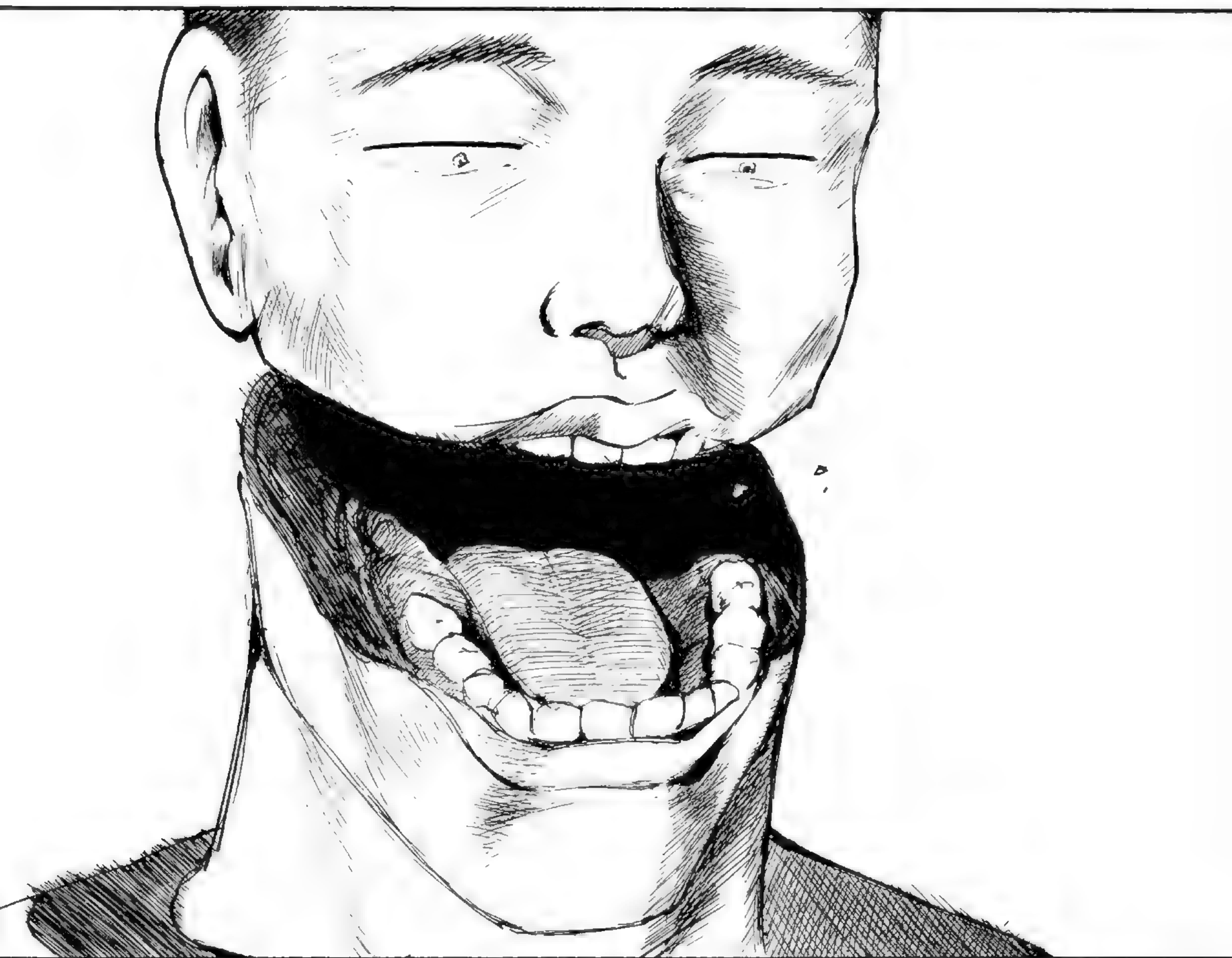
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HIS TRUE IDENTITY?!

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**HIS
TRUE
IDENTITY?!**

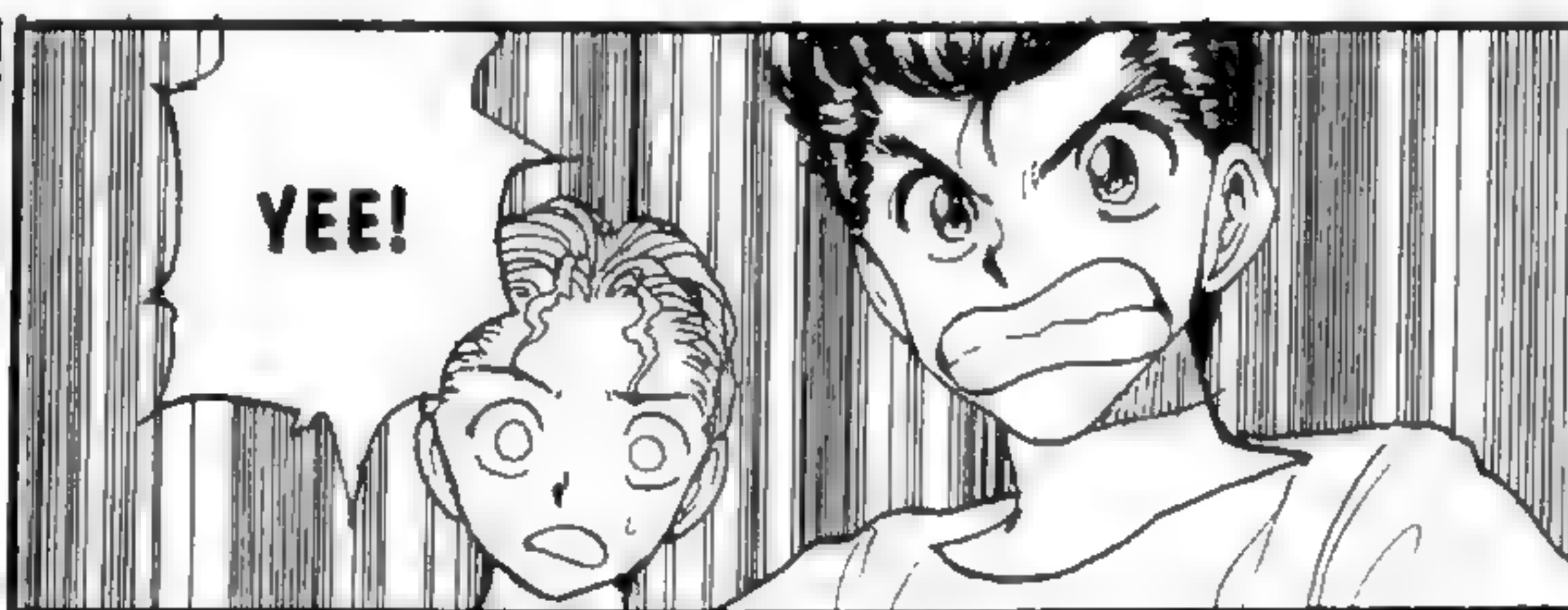
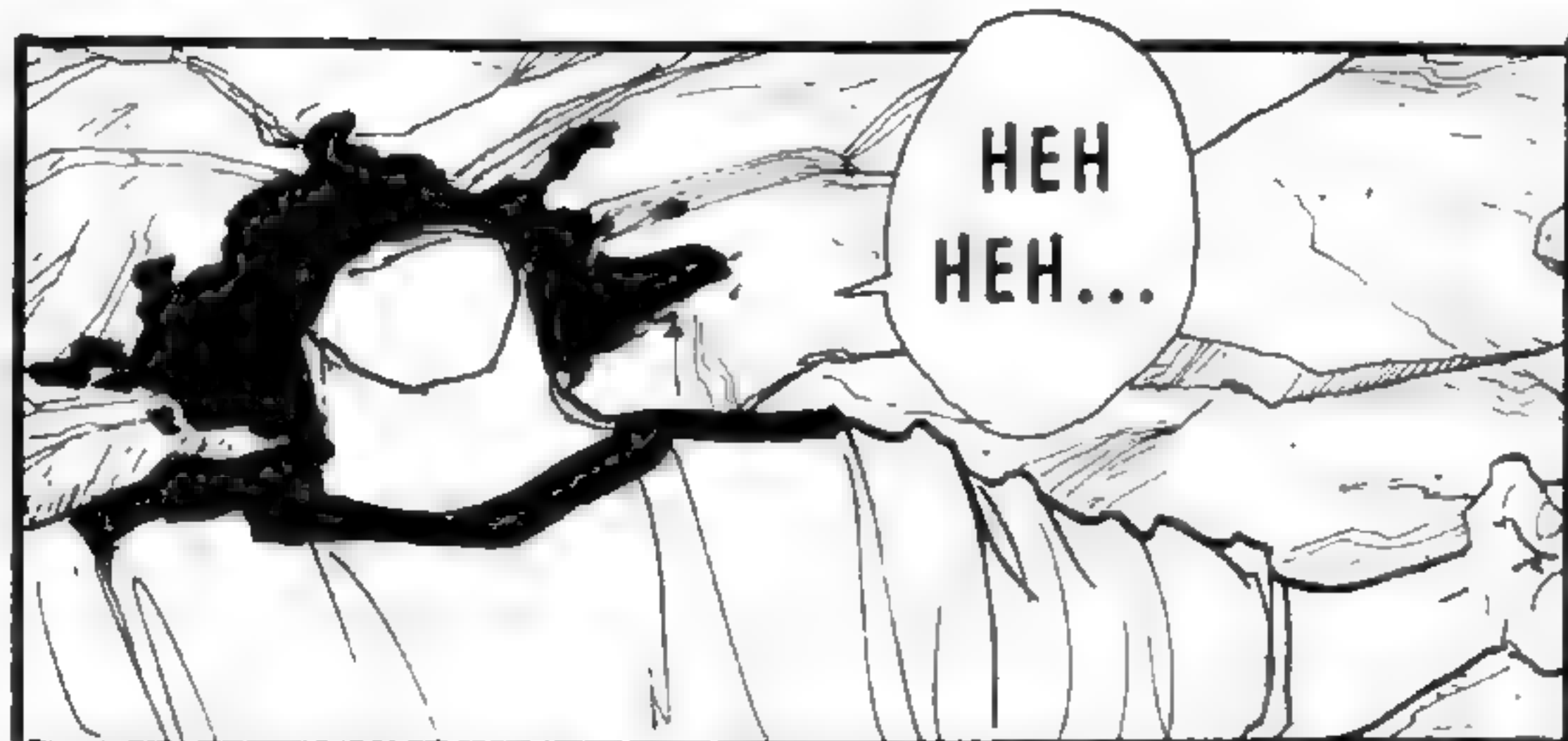






I DIDN'T SEE ANY-THING...







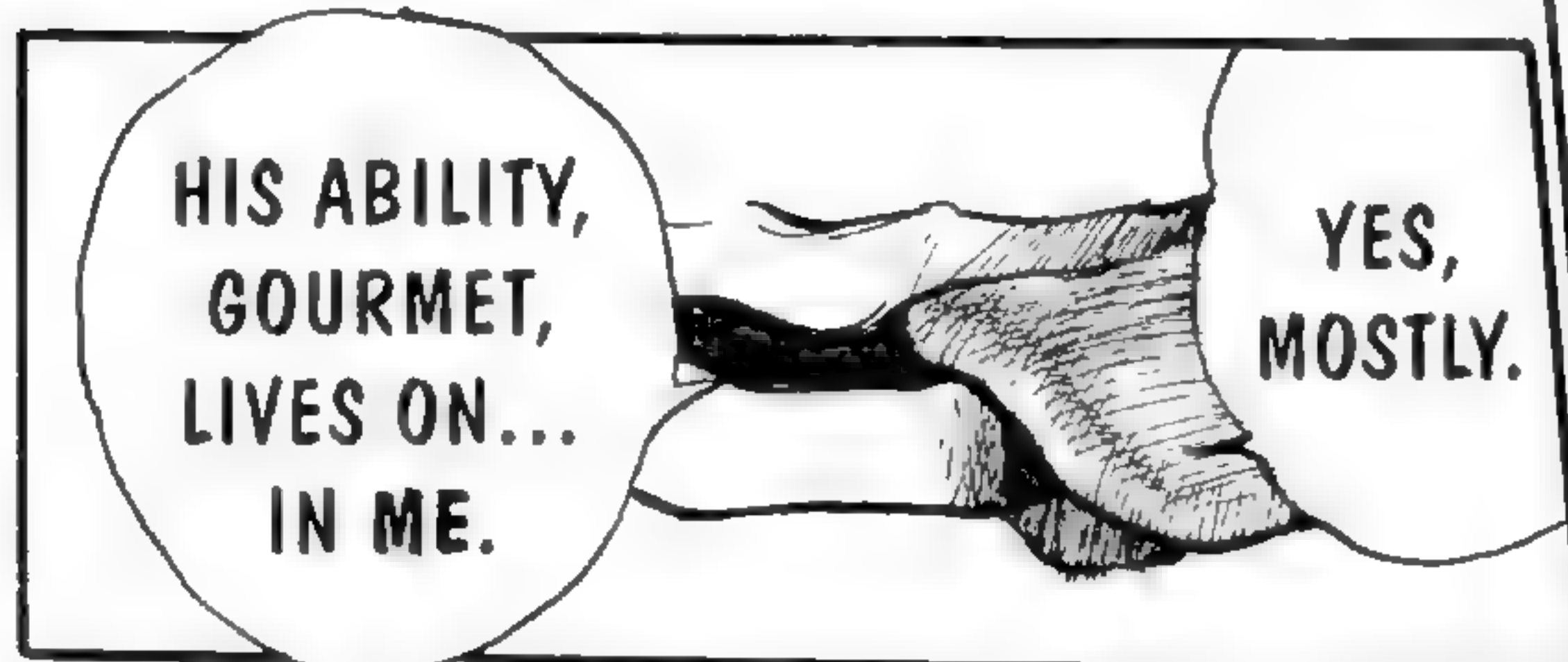
MAKIHARA...
HE WAS
ALREADY
DEAD...?

THE
ELDER
TOGURO!!



DIDN'T FOOL
YOU FOR A
SECOND, EH?

YOUR SENSE
OF SMELL
HAS BECOME
QUITE ACUTE.



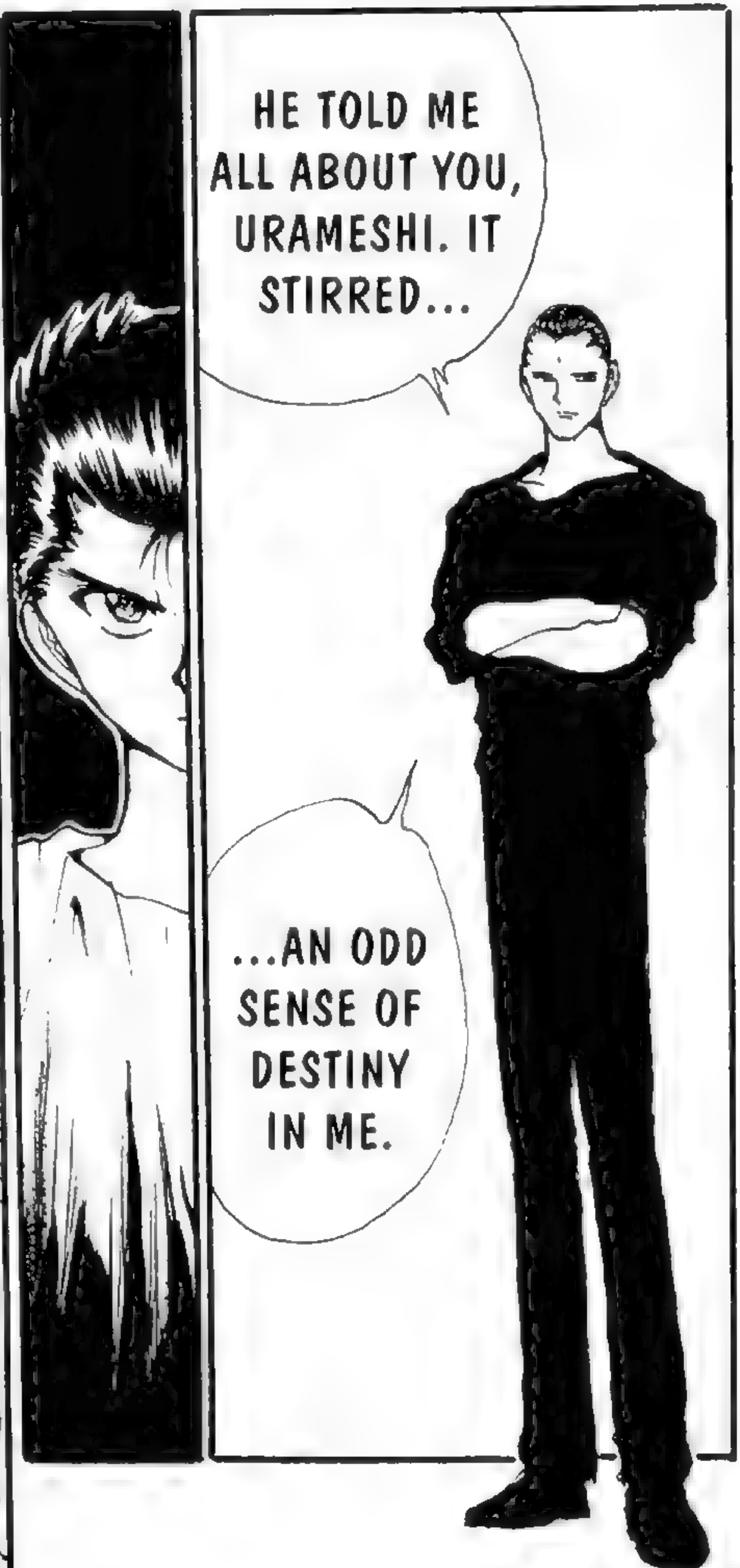
HIS ABILITY,
GOURMET,
LIVES ON...
IN ME.

YES,
MOSTLY.

I EMITTED A SIGNAL AT A
SPECIFIC WAVELENGTH THAT
ONLY SOMEONE WITH POWER
AND EVIL IN HIS SOUL
COULD PICK UP. I FIGURED
IT MIGHT BE YEARS BEFORE
SOMEONE SHOWED, BUT IT
TURNED OUT TO BE HARDLY
ANY TIME AT ALL...

AFTER MY TREACHEROUS
BROTHER BLEW ME TO BITS, I
SLOWLY REGENERATED IN THE
OCEAN. HALF MY HEAD WAS
RESTORED BY THE TIME I
WASHED ASHORE, AND ALL
I COULD THINK ABOUT WAS
GETTING REVENGE ON YOU ALL.







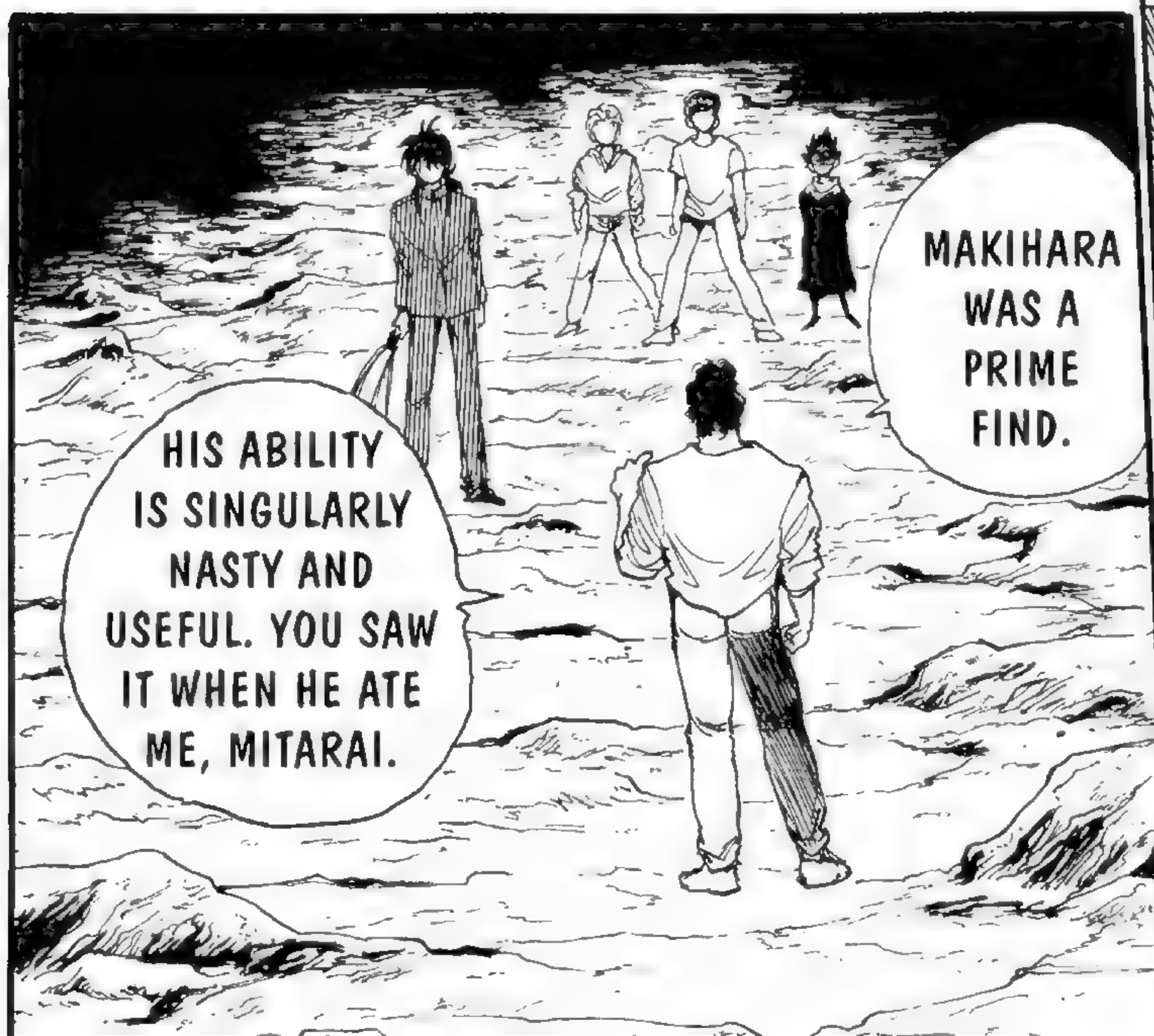
MY PLAN TO
OBLITERATE
HUMANITY.

...THOSE WITH
THE POTENTIAL
TO AWAKEN TO
THEIR ABILITIES.

I GATHERED
SUITABLE
COMRADES...

HEHZ
CHRSSY!

DUN
LIZZIN TO
IM!



HIS ABILITY
IS SINGULARLY
NASTY AND
USEFUL. YOU SAW
IT WHEN HE ATE
ME, MITARAI.

MAKIHARA
WAS A
PRIME
FIND.



GLORP



↑ Elder Toguro

...BUT IT WAS
NO CONTEST.
I RATHER
ENJOYED THE
PAIN AND
TERROR HE
FELT...

THE RESULT, OF
COURSE, WAS
THAT I STARTED
TO TAKE HIM
OVER. HE TRIED
TO FIGHT ME...

BUT I PROVED A
BIT TOO MUCH
FOR A MERE
HUMAN WITH
THAT ABILITY
TO DIGEST.

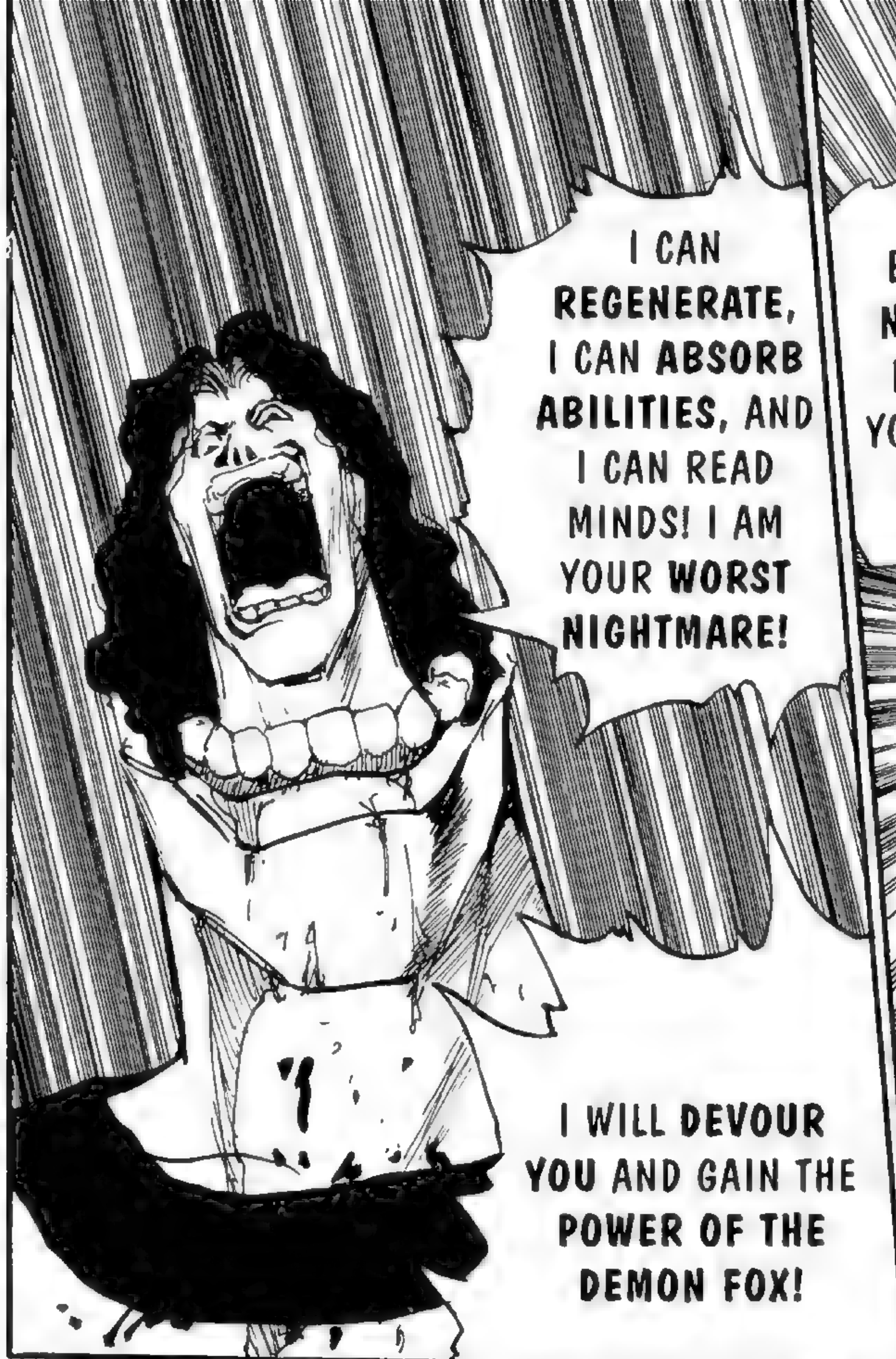
HEH
HEH
HEH
HEH



...
SCUM.

THAT'S
ENOUGH.

YOU'VE
HAD
YOUR
FUN...



I CAN
REGENERATE,
I CAN ABSORB
ABILITIES, AND
I CAN READ
MINDS! I AM
YOUR WORST
NIGHTMARE!

I WILL DEVOUR
YOU AND GAIN THE
POWER OF THE
DEMON FOX!



BUT I'M
NOT THE
DEMON
YOU ONCE
FACED!

HA HA HA!
HOW
TYPICALLY
ARROGANT!







YOUR
VAUNTED
COMPOSURE'S
NO USE
NOW.

POWDERED
FUNGUS OF
SOME KIND. A
FUTILE TACTIC.

WOOSH



...BUT NOW I PICK
YOU UP JUST FINE,
AS YOU TRY TO
FORMULATE A
STRATEGY TO TAKE
ME OUT!!

I COULDN'T HEAR
YOU EARLIER
BECAUSE YOUR
RAGE WAS
WIPING OUT YOUR
THOUGHTS...



IF I GET TOO
CLOSE, HE'LL
DEVOUR ME
FOR SURE.

I'LL STAY
HIDDEN AND
FOLLOW HIM
BY SCENT.

YOU'RE JUST
FIVE METERS
AWAY, WHIP
AT THE READY.

HEH HEH...I
KNOW WHAT
YOU'RE UP TO.



**GOTCHA IN
ONE MOVE!!**



HUH?



**WELL?
IS THAT
IT?**

THEN
HOW'S
THIS?!

TRYING
TO ACT
TOUGH?!



GRRAUGH
!!

GRR!





...THEN WHY
DOES TOGURO
KEEP FIGHTING?
WHAT'S GOING
ON...?

TAKE
THAT!
AND
THAT!

SOUNDS
LIKE A
SLAUGHTER
IN THERE!

BUT I
ONLY HEAR
TOGURO! IF
KURAMA'S
DEAD...



LOOK.



AH!

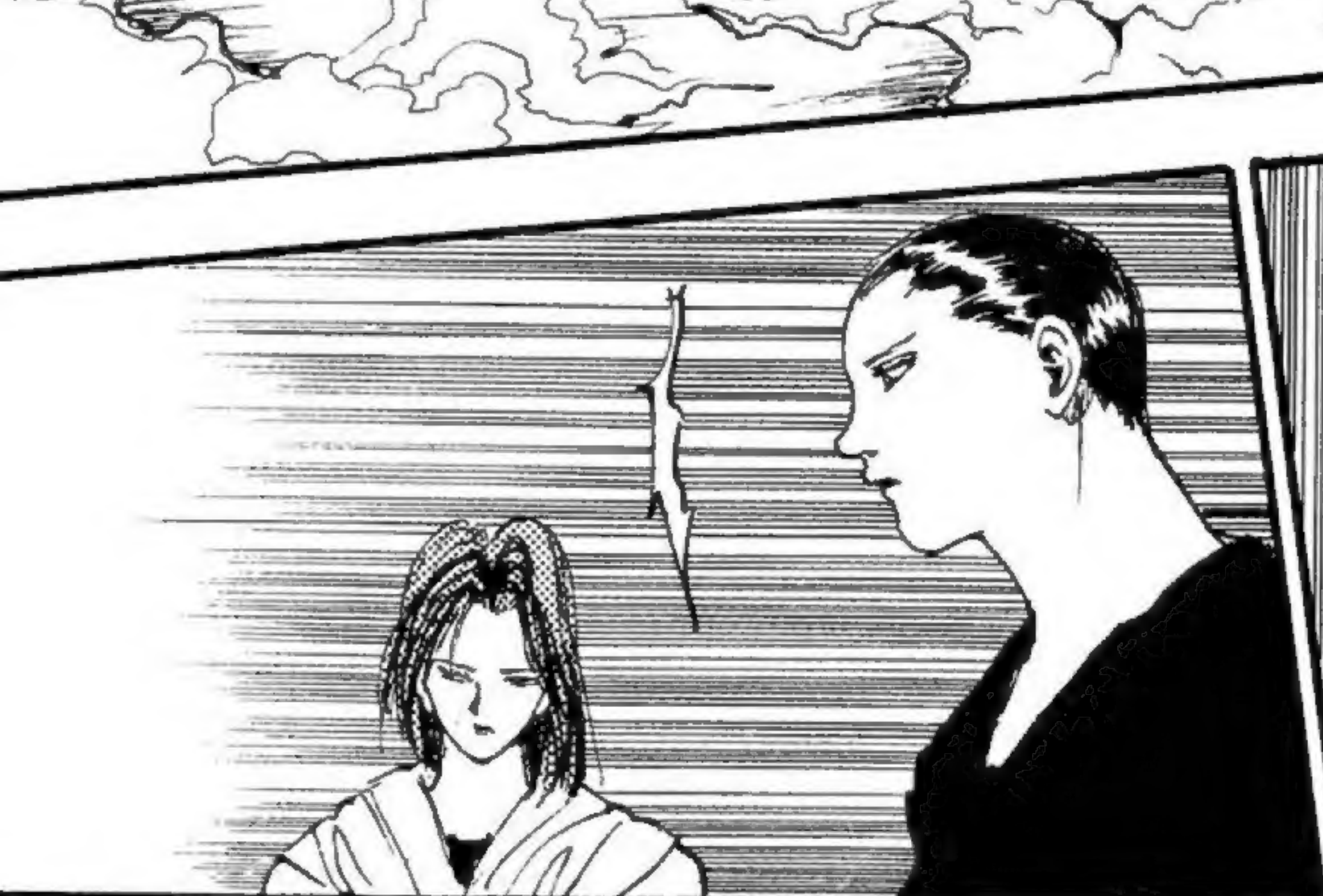
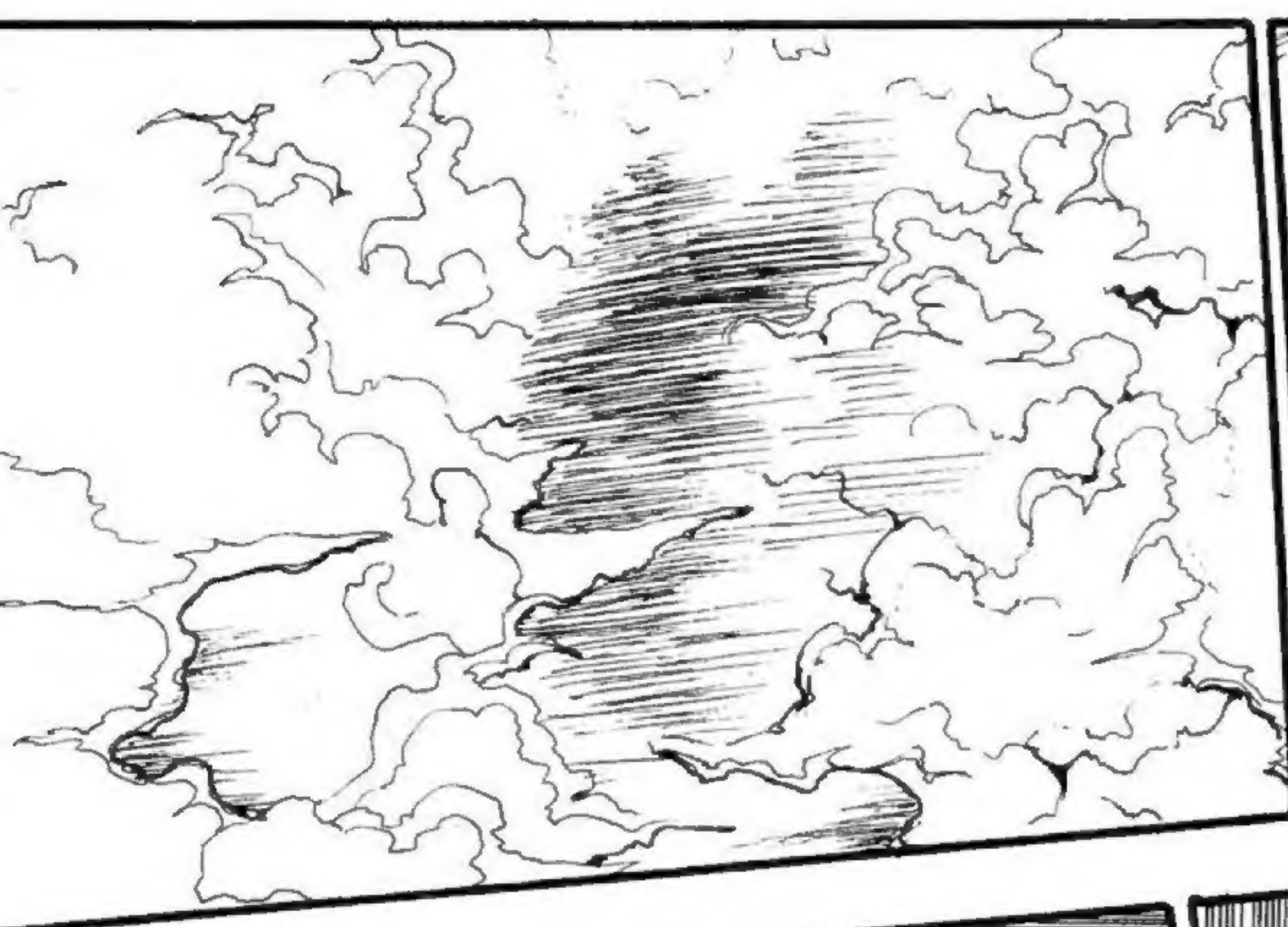


TOGURO'S
FINISHED.



KURAMA
!







I PLANTED THE
SEED WHEN I
DECAPITATED HIM.



THAT TREE IS A
PARASITE THAT
CASTS ILLUSIONS TO
LURE IN ITS PREY.

THAT'S
RIGHT.



SO YOU THREW UP
THAT SMOKE
SCREEN NOT TO
BLIND HIM, BUT TO
KEEP THE ILLUSIONS
CONTAINED.



...WHYYY
WON'T HE
DIIIE...?

WHYYYYYYY...



**R
A
A
RRRGH**

BUT TOGURO
CAN'T DIE.
HE'LL FIGHT
MY GHOST...

THAT TREE
WILL HOLD
HIM
UNTIL...

...IT'S SUCKED
EVERY TRACE
OF LIFE
FROM HIM.



...FOR ALL
ETERNITY.